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David Aaronovitch. Covenant with

the people.

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sends me a Christmas card that says

"Tony, please, for me, win', then I tell

you, we have a duty to win.
"Just mouth the words: Five more
Tory years', and feel your senses and

reason repulsed by what they have

done to our country. The tax-cutting

party that gave us the biggest tax rise in peacetime. The law and order par-

"In 1945, when miners voted

Labour, they did it so that their sons

would not have to go down the pit as they had. And in 1964 their chil-

dren voted Labour because they saw

the next generation's chance to go

to university and do better than their

are part of the broad movement of

human progress. The marriage of ambition with justice, the constant

striving of the human spirit to do bet-

ter and be better. It is that which sep-

dreaming, Labour's coming home. As we did in '45 and '64. I know that was

"Britain can take on the world and

ues and palaces and our glomous

arates us from Conservatives. "Labour's coming home. Seven-teen years of hurt never stopped us

"We are not a sect or a cult. We

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Blair: My Decent Society

Extracts from the Labour leader's speech in Blackpool yesterday

Today I offer you, and we offer the country, a new vision. If we are to build this new Age of Achievement, you and L and all of us together, must first build the decent society to deliver it. A society in which every individual is valued, every person given a chance to develop their potential, a society to which we con-tribute and which contributes to us.

"History will call it the Decent Society, a new social order for the new Age of Achievement for Britain.

"We will respect family life, develop it and e turage it in any way we can. For strong families are the foundation of strong communities.

"We will provide opportunities for those without ... implement a programme to take 250,000 young peoole off benefit and into work ... put a roof over the heads of the homeless by releasing money from the sale of council houses ... enhance the environment with policies to ease congestion, reduce pollution.
"I am prond that Labour has tak-

en the mantle of the party of law and order ... I say to the people who tell us it's wrong to want to crack down on violent crime, drug pushers, antisocial neighbours or hooligans: Try living next door to them.

"I believe we should ban the prihandguns. That is our duty to the people of Dunblane.

"Previous Labour governments did their duty by British pensioners and so will the next ... But I will not make promises on money until I know they can be kept ... One thing I can promise to pensioners and everyone else gladly. The next Labour government will scrap the Tory internal market of the NHS No more hospitals fighting hospitals.

"Let us modernise government itself, so it serves the interests of the people ... A parliament for Scotland and an Assembly for Wales, legislated in the first year of a Labour gov- too ... More women MPs by ensuring that hereditary British people. But let us set-



Promises and visions: Tony Blair telling the British people yesterday, "We are coming home to you. We are back as the party of the people

ernment ... A directly elected Prime Minister's Questions anthority for London ... The reformed so that it does Parquango state in the dustbin of liament credit ... Ending the reformed so that it does Pargreatest symbol of privilege in "We will reform Parliament any democracy in the world,"

peers aren't voting in the House of Lords.

The Labour government today is not the political arm of anyone other than the

tle these arguments about in- ed on early in a Labour govdustrial law once and for ernment." good. There will be no return to the '70s. But there should

"I say to the British people": Have the courage to change and there will be basic civil now. We are coming home to rights for all at work, legislat- you. We are back as the parPhotograph: Brian Harris

ty of the people; and that's why

he people are coming back to

When a 76-year-old widow

then, but it could be again. win. And we will be envied throughout the world not just because of our

history, but because we gave hope back to the generations, we turned this country round by the will of the people, in unity with the party of the people, and we built the Age of Achievement in our lifetime." "All I ask is a chance to serve. At the time of the next election, there

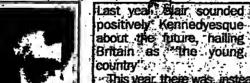
will be just 1,000 days until the new millennium - 1,000 days to prepare for 1,000 years.

"The true radical mission of the Labour Party, new and old, is this: Not to hold people back but to help them get on. Our task is to restore from Liverpool, a party mem-ber since before I was born, ment in a new and different world."

"Blair played the part of Prime Minister, rehearsing the role which every member of his audience is now. sure he will be playing for real in seven months' time.... announcing that he would open immediate negotations with European governments about how he will handle the British EU pres-

idency in 1998, he was the PM in waiting. At one point he even referred by mistake to "the Labour government today". If this was hubris, the conference loved it."

Donald Macintyre, page



Britain as the young. country"

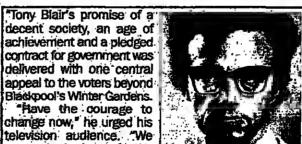
positively Kennedyesque THE INDEPENDENT

This year, there was, instead, a strongly nostalgic passage, about the post-war. Fifties country of his youth, where families were surrought of me was lower, and "there was a national ethics and spirit that had won the war and stayed with us in peace".

It was surprisingly reminiscent of John Major's evo-

ention of a similarly tranquil childhood Britain - not quite the mach beer and old maids cycling to church, but not far affire and of the struggling Brixton family whose Application of the Prime Minister

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are coming home to you. We are back as the party of the people; and that is why the people are coming back to us." The enthusiasm of delegates belied an underlying subtext - that Mr Blair by no means believes the next election is in the bag." Anthony Bevins, page 4

OUICKLY **Booker contenders** Beryl Bainbridge leads the sixstrong Booker Prize shortlist with her fictionalised account of

the sinking of the Titanic in 1912. Other strong contenders on a list well received by critics are Graham Swift and Margaret Atwood. Both have been noominated before.

Lives lost needlessly Thousands of women are missing out on life-saving drug treatment for breast cancer despite incontrovertible evidence that it can reduce the spread of the disease and increase chances of survival, a British surgeon told an international conference Page 8 yesterday.

Popular culture Opera and ballet, traditionally regarded as elitist pursuits, have undergone a resurgence of popularity over the past ten years, according to the Arts Page 9 Council.

Chirac snubs Italy Jacques Chirac yesterday said Italy's hopes of qualifying for the first round of European Monetary Union were unlikely to be fulfilled, as the country was simply too far behind to meet the Maastricht criteria on time.

Labour MPs also took cash from lobbyist

CHRIS BLACKHURST and PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES

Two leading Labour politicians, one of them a Shadow Cabinet member, are among 25 MPs to have received financial assistance from Ian Greer, the controversial Westminster lobbyist at the centre of the cash-forquestions affair.

Chris Smith, Labour's Heritage spokesman, and Doug. Hoyle, Chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party, both confirmed to The Independent yesterday that they had received money from Mr Greer to help with general election ex case," he said. "We will change penses. Mr Hoyle served on the the law to make the Tories Committee of Privileges looking into the allegations about Mr Hamilton's failure to declare. hospitality from Mohamed al

Fayed, a client of Mr Green.
News of the payments to the
two mens' fighting funds will knock a serious dent in Labour's plans to make political capital from the collapse of their money comes from.

the libel case brought by Neil Hamilton, the former Tory minister and Mr Greer, over cash Mr Smith nor Mr Hoyle's in-

But John Major was still facing the heavy embarrassment of the re-opening of the entire cash-for-questions scandal and demands to for his full co- comributions to their election operation with a parliamentary investigation into the affair.

Labour immediately called for an adjournment debate when MPs return to Westminster. In his keynote speech yes-terday, Rony Blair seized on the affair. The Tories changed the law to let Mr Hamilton put his the law to make the Tories Mr Smith said the lobbyist clean up their act. To coin a sent a cheque for £200 during phrase, we will be tough on the last general election in the core and training of the course. case," he said. "We will change. deaze and tough on the causes 1992. "Ian Greer made a do-of seaze." Mr. Blair promised mation of £200 to my election to ask the Nolan Committee on standards in public life "to in- tion. I accepted it in the normal vestigate political funding and added we will legislate to make the Tories reveal tell us where

Until The Independent con-tacted them yesterday, neither volvement with Mr Greer had been made public. Several seniar Tories, including two Government ministers, are also understood to have received In the light of the controversy

expenses from Mr Greer. So far, only David Mellor, the former minister and MP for Putney, has admitted to taking the cash. At that time, Mr Greer-was a constituent of Mr Mellor's. There is no such constituency connection between Mr Greer and the two Labour MPs. . Ł

campaign fund at the last elecway, as a donation to my campaign." Asked if he knew Mr Greer, the shadow minister replied: "Not particularly." Af-

ter receiving the money, said Mr. Smith, "I phoned him and said "thanks very much'." Mr Smith stressed that Mr Greer had received nothing in return for the money. "He has not secured any favours from me," he said.

surrounding Mr Greer, added Mr Smith, he would "probably not" accept the money again. Mr Hoyle, chairman of the influential PLP since 1992 - he is up for election this autumn was twice paid £500 to his election fund to help him win two general-election campaigns. "I've known Ian Greer over many years," said Mr Hoyle, who was a guest at Mr Greer's

60th birthday party.
In the 1987 and 1992 camigns, Mr Hoyle, the MP for Warrington, was sent £500, unsolicited, by Mr Greer. Tve never asked Ian Greer for a donation," said Mr Hoyle, adding, "it was very welcome to my agent because we're not exactly awash with money."

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The Hon Members who helped lobbyist



SIR MICHAEL GRYLLS: The MP for North-West Surrey is a champion of small businesses. Chairman of the Tory trade and industry committee, he is a friend of Greer and in 1989 gave Greer unprecedented access to a meeting of the committee. An inquiry in 1990 found he had received at least three Commons rules in declar-Greer to clients but waited ests register that he was

Chief Political Correspondent

John Major and some of the

allegedly involving other se-

nior Tory figures was sent to Sir Gordon Downey, the Parlia-

mentary Omhudsman, by Mo-

hamed al-Faved, the owner of

Harrods. His claims that he had

paid thousands of pounds in

eash in envelopes to Mr Hamil-

submitted to a fresh investiga-

tion of Mr Hamilton by a Com-

mons committee of MPs.

Downing Street is resisting

pressure in publish the docu-

ments, which led to the case be-

and lan Greer, the head of a

find "much to interest them".

mocrat MP, told The Indepen-

dent that he is writing to Sir

Gordon to call for him to in-

RICHARD SMITH and

MICHAEL STREETER

Two boys aged four and tive have carned the dubious dis-

tinction of being the country's

youngest burglars after a house-

holder returned home to find

the diminutive would-be jewel.

thieves munching snacks and

sluming soft drinks after having

broken in through the kitchen

The culprits were young, but

the scene greeting the woman

who lived there was horribly

reminiscent of any adult bur-

glary. Valuables and food were

scattered all over the floor and

a broken window pane provid-

Kidderminster in Worcester-

shire, who asked not to be

named, described what she had

found when she returned home

The 37-year-old victim, of

ed evidence of the crime.

Alex Carlile, the Liberal De-

The Prime Minister's office

ton led to the libel action.

mentary questions.



MP for Horsham. Has served on the public accounts committee and select committee of privileges. Once described as the "ablest Tory never to have been a minister". the image of a City Gent he stuck closely to the ing in the Members' Inter-

face dossier

of claims



TIM SMITH: MP for Beaconsfield. Served as secretary to the Tory MP's Trade and Industry Committee and a member of the Public Ac-48, used the Commons to ask questions about management consultancy for his efforts. Angrily de-Widely-respected and with ask questions about mancompanies used by the Government. Resigned as soon as named as having received cash from Mr **Top Tories**



DAVID MELLOR: ANDREW BOWDEN: Faces a challenge for his Putney seat from Sir MP for Bnghton Kemptown. Regarded as cranky by some, he is a tireless James Goldsmith with campaigner for pensioners volved in a public slanging match over who is most tamished with sleaze. Greer in 1987 to help in Known for his many business contacts in the Midnied the allegations and will not welcome the bad dle East. Received assistance from Greer, who then lived in Putney, publicity as he prepares to defend a majority of towards his 1987 election expenses.



DOUG HOYLE: MP for Wanington North. An extrovert soft-left MP who is likely to be deeply embarrassed by today's revelation of his links to Mr Greer. During the Arms to Iraq scandal Mr Hoyle, as a member of the Trade and industry select committee, was one of the most outspoken critics of government sleaze. He is also regarded in the com-



his election fund emerging as he tries to make his mark at the Labour conference. Hard-working and intellectual he is well-respected by colleagues who will be surprised that

Appeal to loyalists on ceasefire

The Government yesterday illustrated how seriously it regards the present threat to the loyalist ceasefire by appealing directly to the extreme Protestant groups not to return to violence.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Secretary of State for Northern Iretand, said the collapse of the ceasefire would have 'dangerous consequences", but at the same time commended what he described as the self-discipline of the loyalists over the last two years. Concern for the ceasefire. which was declared in Octo-

ber 1994, has grown since Monday's annuncement by prisoners affiliated to the Ulster Defence Association. nue of the two main Protestant paramilitary groups, that they were withdrawing their support from the peace process. David McKittrick

Charity attack on designer

A leading charity has criticised one of Britain's most

acclaimed young designers for using "crass" imagery of a starving child on his clothes. The photograph of a skele-tally-thin African child is featured on the back of a jacket from Alexander McQueen's autuma/winter collection.

Christian Aid's Head of Campaigns, John Jackson, said: "It is a sad image that is used meaninglessly and out of context. It is basically simply crass. If this jacket is designed to shock then it's worked on me. I think it is tasteless to turn famine into a fashion statement.

£200m drugs haul on boat

A cocaine seizure made on board a ship in Cork yesterday may be one of the biggest-ever drug consign-ments from South America to Europe, Irish customs

The value of the seizure on board the 60ft converted trawler. Sea Mist - which took shelter in the Irish port from a weekend storm on a journey from Venezuela could top £200m.

The Sea Mist was thought to have been heading for Denmark, via the Kiel Canal. The drugs on board were reckoned to have been bound for the general European market, including Britain. Five arrests have been made.

At home with **McCartney**

The National Trust has applied for planning permission to open Paul McCartney's old home up to tourists. The trust bought the threebedroomed terraced house in about home improvements

Forthlin Road, Allerton, Liverpool, last year.

are rocketing, according to new research. McCartney lived there with brother Mike and their parents from 1955 until be les in 1963. He and John Lennon wrote Love Me Do

and I Saw Her Standing There in the bouse. A custodian will live in the house and deal with visitors, who will have to book tickets in advance and travel to the house by mini-hus from a car park two miles away.

OVERSEAS SUBSCRIPTIONS

Losing could have cost over £1m PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Legal Affairs Editor

received £25,000 in cash and vouchers.

There was growing pressure last night for Sir Gordon to be most senior figures in the Congiven tougher powers. The newservative Party were being ly created select committee on standards in public life is dom-inated by Tory MPs who could dragged vesterday into the controversy surrounding Neil Hamilton, the Tory MP acfrustrate an inquiry until after cused of taking cash for parliathe election.

Lord Nolan, who reported on A dossier of fresh allegations standards in public life, warned that Parliament was being damaged by the allegations of sleaze; these, he said, should be investigated by Sir Gordon. But Sir Gordon stid his powers were limited. "The judicial sys-tem has opportunities which are really open to a select committce inquiry or an inquiry by me.

Donald Dewar, the Labour faced calls for the papers to be Chief Whip, led demands for a thorough investigation by Sir Gordon, He said: "In the interests of the public, we have got to get to the bottom of it. I hope Sir Gordon Downey will call for persons and papers will get all ing dropped. They showed a conflict between Mr Hamilton the raw material so that we can make a proper judgement."

Labour is likely to press for public relations company who a debate Immediately the Com-was also suing *The Guardian*. a debate Immediately the Com-mons returns on 14 October. Mr mons returns on 14 October, Mr The newspaper, which received the government documents. Hamilton said he is referring the affair to Sir Gordon to clear his said the Inland Revenue would name. Mr Dewar said: "I am not sure that will be popular with some of his own colleagues al-legedly involved in the affair but there clearly is a need to properly investigate it."

vestigate complaints he had nade alleging Mr Hamilton Labour MPs over a vote in the

drunk hatt a bottle of cherryade

which they left on my bed.

They had eaten a box of Terry's

All Gold chocolates in the spare

crisps from the kitchen, had

eaten most of them and scat-

tered the rest over the sitting

room floor. They had the jew-

ellery in their hands and I pre-

sume they would have taken it."

any householder whose home

has been violated the woman.

who had not previously been

burgled in 13 years, said:"I just

cried for the next two days - I

was that upset somebody had

been in my home and gone

through my belongings. Much

of the jewellery was of great sen-

"I'm moving house soon and

timental value.

Describing the emotions of

They had taken five bags of

hedroom.

Crisp-munching boys become

Britain's youngest burglars

after visiting a friend. "They had." I'll be glad to get out of here."



Man in the middle: Neil Hamilton, the MP who dropped his libel action over claims he took cash for questions

a 300-year-old law which enabled Mr Hamilton to pursue his case. A Labour MP Denis MaeShane, wrote to Commons Speaker Betty Boothroyd calling for an urgent debate over

When I confronted them the

boys didn't say a word but their

faces looked guilty. If they are

behaving like this at that age

Local police confirmed that

in the incident late last week the

two boys had broken in through

the kitchen door - probably us-ing an ornamental garden duck

to break the glass - and had

searched most of the rooms of

the three-bedroom semi-

detached council house in Fo-

lev Park before they were con-

ly isn't it?" Inspector Andy Muckillop of Kidderminster

year-olds being involved in something like this before. It is

It is a bit unbelievable real-

"t can't recall four- and five-

fronted by the owner.

notice asked.

what will they be like when they

House of Lords for a change in how parliamentary rules were changed "to benefit Mr Neil Hamilton" in his libel action. The Conservative Party insisted it was "a matter between

Mr Hamilton and The

extraordinary for kids of this age

After being interviewed, the

children were given a "good dressing down" in front of their parents, he said, although be-

cause of their age no further ac-

opposite the victim, received

rougher justice from his fami-

ly. His 41-year-old mother, who

has five other children, admit-

ted that she "smacked him with

a belt when he came home".

thing like this before and I felt

very embarrassed," she said, adding, "My husband sent £15

across to pay for the glass to be

anything like that again - espe-

cially with the policeman com-

ing here and having a word with

"I don't think he will do

mended.

"He has never done any

The four-year-old, who lives

to do that." he added.

tion was being taken.

have easily topped £1 m. As the hard reality of the tri-

al drew near, the signs of doubt appeared. Mr Greer approached the Guardian in the middle of last week offering to reduce his claim of £10m spe-cial damages for loss of business Mr Greer and Mr Hamilton had not at that stage fallen out

Neil Hamilton and Ian Greet.

who are many thousands of

pounds the poorer after their

disastrous encounter with the

law of libel, might reflect that

it could have been much worse.

three- to four-week trial could

The costs of losing after a

~ which they duly did in spectacular fashion by the end of the week. But there were growing expectations that whatever Mr Hamilton might want to do, Mr Crunch point was looming by

Thursday night after the newser a bundle of government documents relevant to the case. Among them was a minute of a telephone conversation be-Deputy Prime Minister, and then trade minister whether he had ever received money from Mr Greer, Mr Hamilton said he had not.

Mr Heseltine did not, apparently, make a note of the conversation, but Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, is understood to have drawn up a minute. It appeared to contradiet information in documentation obtained from Mr Greer. The conflict of interest was crystallised and the breakdown in trust complete. Mr Hamilton was beside himself. Richard Ferguson QC, the pair's leading counsel, approached the news-

paper over possible settlement. Both men had been represented by Peter Carter-Ruck & Partners but were forced to seek separate solicitors to handle the latter stages of the mess. One consolation, though Mr Hamil-Ion might not think so now, is that the ticking time-bomh was Greer was seeking a way out, revealed before the trial began

There were also rumours that and clock up even more costs. nne or more of Mr Greer's for. Fighting the action would mer staff had turned against him probably have been an uphill battle in any event, with a significant part devoted to alpaper obtained a court order for tempting to discredit witnesses the Treasury solicitors to deliv- which the newspaper would have called to corroborate state-

ments by Mohammed al-Fayed. Mr Hamilton tried to pul a hrave face on it vesterday after tween Michael Heseltine, the attending court to formally discontinue the action. "A man is Mr Hamilton during which Mr Heseltine (then President of the cept in the columns of the

Board of Trade) had asked the Teenage murderer is allowed to die

IAN BURRELL

A teenage murderer who tried to kill himself in jail has been llowed to die in hospital after being kept alive on a tife support machine in hospital for two

Andrew Sheehan, 18, from Northampton, bad tried to hang himself in his cell at Swinfen Hall young offenders' institution, near Lichfield in Staffordshire, on Sunday. He was found by prison staff who cut him down and gave him mouth to mouth resuscitation.

Sheehan hriefly regained consciouspess but his condition deteriorated after he was taken to a nearby bospital for emergency treatment. He was placed on a life support machine but had suffered serious

brain damage.

Doctors decided there was nothing more they could do and man, leav Sheehan was allowed to die at of blood.

1pm yesterday. The prison ser-vice said last night that it had begun an inquiry into the cir-cumstances of the tecnager's

Sheehan, who pleaded guilty to the murder, had been convicted in June of killing Stephen Reilly, a 66-year-old sioner who was murdered in his flat after being subjected to two bours of torture. Oxford Crown Court heard that Sheehan had made two separate attacks on Mr Reilly at the retired Irish labourer's flat in Northampton one night last September.

In the attacks the teenager who was 17 at the time, ripper out the pensioner's intercon telephone, took his keys and locked the door so that he could make no appeal for help Returning later he heat stabbed and stripped the elderly man, leaving him lying in a poo

over nuclear weapons 'leak'

Firm sues

group, yesterday launched a multi-million pound damage: claim against the Atomic Weapons Establishment for allegedly contaminating a site at Aldermaston - next to the plant where Trident warheads are made - with nuclear ma-

"High levels" of plutonium and uranium were found on the estate after pends on the AWE land burst their banks during a rainstorm in 1989 and flooded marshes and a lake on the Blue Circle

A thousand cubic metres of soil contaminated with plutonium 1,000 times above normal hackground levels was excavated from the estate but the contamination continues and has halted any sale of the property and driven away customers, the High Court was told yester-

Crime files on computer

The Metropolitan Police hnally joined the microchip age yesterday, completing a ondon-wide network of 2,400 computers that can record details of crimes and

link them across the capital. But it is adopting a "Year Zero" approach in old crime data on the Crime Reporting Information System (CRIS)— which means that information on burglaries, thefts and fraud stretching back six years, and held on paper at police stations around the city, will never be added to the system. Some police stations have reported problems in training staff to use the new equipment correctly.

MoD training privatised

Helicopler pilots for the Army, Navy and Air Force will receive their basic flying Iraining from a privately run training school from next April, in the MoD's biggest privatisation so far, it con-

hrmed yesterday. The £400m contract to run the tri-service Defence Helicopter Flying School and train 230 pilots, navigators and aircrew a year is expect-ed to go to FBS Ltd. Armed Forces' Minister Nicholas Soames said. The privatisation of hasic training is designed to save £77m over the next 15 years. Christopher Bellamy

'Cowboys' cost millions

Cowboy builders are costing the country £400m a year in unpaid taxes, as complaints The report, commissioned

by the AA, calls on Parliament, consumer groups and soared to fame with the Beat- trade associations to implement a nine-point plan to comhat cowboys. These include forcing tradesmen by law to supply detailed invoices, a requirement for insurance-backed warranties for . work above a certain cost and experts settling simple disputes via an arbitration scheme. Glenda Cooper

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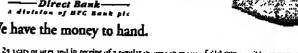
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Will Beryl finally make the Booker?



Fourth time lucky? Beryl Bainbridge leads Booker shortlist with her novel about the *Titanic*, Every Man For Himself

MARIANNE MACDONALD Arts Correspondent ...

One of the grande dames of English letters may finally win the Booker on fourth attempt. after being shortlisted again last night for the literary world's

most prestigious prize.

Beryl Bainbridge leads this year's six-strong shortlist with Every Man For Himself, her acclaimed fictionalised account of the sinking of the Titanic in

But other strong contenders on a list well received by critics are Graham Swift and Margaret Atwood, second favourites to

es of Jack Dodds, step-

finest, with an imagina-tion of rare immediac

and vitality." - The Times

Waterland, shortlisted

Son of a civil servant, he

decided to be a writer in

nis mid-teens. He usud

Cambridge to learn tri

write and oublished his

first novel aged 31, fol-

lowed by Waterland two

ears later. Now 47, he

lives in Wandsworth

for the Booker prize

The other three in the running are Shena Mackay for The Orchard On Fire, Robinton Mistry for A Fine Balance and Derry-born Seamus Deane in a surprise melusioo for his first novel Reading In The Dark.

and women and the full possible complement of books. Last year the judges could not agree on a sixth — speculated to have been Martin

Unusually, the shortlist con-

tains an equal number of meo

only put up five. This year debate centred around the absence of Ben El-

Based on the life of the

celebrated Grace Marks, obmicted of the Incider of the Incider of the Incidence in

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Booker-shortlist and film.

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century literature at Har-

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Grace respectively. Both have ton's bestselling satire on Holoof the books which were most been shortlisted before. I lywood film violence, *Popcom*, hotly discussed did not make it which had made the longlist and been highly praised by one of the judges, A N Wilson.

But it was eventually rejected during a three-and-a-half hour meeting of the Booker's five judges at London's Savile

The oovelist Jonathan Coe, who sat on the panel, said: Popcom was put forward and discussed at great length and very vigorously. It was on our long list and had strong advo-

"But it was io a pool of a dozen from which we had to make a painful reduction. Some

A short history of the five contenders for top publishing award

The sinking of the

knows precisely what she is doing and who

does it with unemphat

ic but exhibitating pan-ache" - The Indep-

"A narrative both spark-

ling and deep, spankled with surprising images of

star-burst and ice-frac-

ture" - The Sunday

Won the Whitbread Prize

Born 1934 in Liverpool;

pegan her career as an

actress. Established her

In the 1970s with The

Dressmaker, The Bottle Factory Outling, and

Young Adolf.

with Injury Time.

on to the list. The ones with the least dispute were the ones which are on the shortlist.

one did you enjoy reading the most? Entertainment and pleasure were very high on our list when considering these books." Another notable exclusion was A S Byatt, who won the

1990 Booker with Possession but whose Babel Tower failed to make the longlist.

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Bombay flat with a wid-

ow in the dark years of

outrage as he contem-plates the maulings of

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compels you into appalled assent" - The Sunday Times.

"Heavy going" is how

would have to describe

this novel. It is not just

very long, but very slow."

The Sunday Telegraph.

Booker shortlist for Such

1952, has lived in Cana-

A Long Journey.

da since 1975.

India in the 1970s.

David Malouf's The Conversations At Curlow Creek; John Lanchester's The Debt To Pleasure and a novel by another

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Born in Edinburgh, she

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Doyle, The Woman Who Walked Into Doors were also not on the

The £20,000 prize will be awarded on 29 October at a dinner to be filmed live by BBC2. The bottom line is 'Which Last year it went to Pat Barker's The Ghost Road.

Carmen Callil, the publisher. writer and broadcaster, chaired the judges who also included Ian Jack, editor of Granta, and A L Kennedy, the author.

She said: "It has been a wonderful year for fiction. There were at least 10 novels we argued about.

"We compromised as little as possible and still felt that we had made the right choice."

Growing up Catholic in

Londonderry in the 1940s and 1950s.

Reading in the Dark is consistently felicitous in

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Desperately sad to

read, and almost im-

possible to put down" -

The independent on

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prose" - Daily Telegraph

Born in Londonderry in

1940, he went to school

Has published a number

of works of criticism and

poetry and is general ed-

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Teaches at University of

Notre Dame, Chicago,

This is his first novel

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Doctors say it would take miracle to save Allwood babies

Doctors last night fought to keep Mandy Allwood's remaining bahies alive, while admitting that it would don't give up hope," he added. need a "miracle" for them to be born

safe and healthy. Ms Allwood, 32, who lost three of her octuplets yesterday, is currently being treated with the drug indomethacin to stop uterus cootractions which could lead to further miscarriages. Indomethacin can typically delay birth for hours or sometimes days, but Dooald Gibb, her consultant obstetrician, did not expect the drugs to produce a dra-

matic turnaround". The three foctuses who died were all boys, each weighing less than 200 grammes, and each small enough to fit into the palm of a hand. Ms All-.. wood held them briefly after they

Mr Gibb, of King's College Hos-lal, south-west London, said that there had been a "certain sense of inevitability" about Ms Allwood's condition. He said that unless the remaybe nothing will happen."

Angust when she refused to abort any maining foetuses survive in the Ms Allwood's publicist, Max Cifford another five weeks there food, said vesterday that she had no ing after taking fertility drugs, despite condition. He said that unless the re-

The mother-of-eight is has been given drugs to avoid further miscarriages. Glenda Cooper reports

Previous

successes

Ms Allwood, who is 19 weeks prognant, lost her first baby at home at 5pm yesterday. After advice from doctors over the telephone she was taken under police escort to hospital where the two other babies were

stillborn. An ultrasound scan yesterday morning revealed that the remaining five were alive. Ms Allwood, whose partner Paul Hudson was at her bedside, was described as being comfortable and resting.

Mr Gibb said that the miscarriages had occurred after Ms Allwood's uterus had become "very, very over-stretched" as the weeks went by and the membranes round the first baby

Asked what would happen next, he said: "It's entirely unpredictable. I could go up now and she could miscarry in minutes or hours, but then,

Bereaved mother: Mandy Allwood who lost three of her eight babies.

regrets about attempting to have all eight babies." She knows the risks. Mr Gibb has told her it is unlikely but she is hoping to prove him wrong." he said. He was contacted by his client just minutes after she phoned for an ambulance.

Ms Allwood hit the headlines in

warnings from doctors that she faced a major risk of premature delivery or miscarriage if she tried to go ahead with all eight births.

Dr Robert Forman, clinical di-

rector of the Loudon Gynaecological and Fertility Centre, said patients like Ms Allwood had to be allowed to take their own decisions. "I am firmly of the opinion that

patients should be allowed to make informed decisions," he said. "I disagree with the decision she took, but respect her right to take it."

Condemned in the media, and pilloried by the moral majority, Ms Allwood's story is, in many ways, a morality tale of the 1990s - full of sex, greed, selfishness and inevitable grief. Aptly enough, Max Clifford summed up her story best: "The first persoo she contacted was her gynaecologist and the second was the PR," he remarked hluntly.

Ms Allwood's decision to carry all eight babies through to full term sparked two debates: first, whether her deal with the News of the World influenced her decision and secondly,



Paul Hudson: At his partner's bedside during her ordeal

who should be eligible for fertility

But, meanwhile, the public remained fascinated by the tawdry twists and turns of the story. It emerged that Mr Hodsoo spent two nights a week with his former girl-friend and two sons. Then Ms Allwood was said to have lost custody of her five-year-old son to his father. Practically all their relatives told their

stories to the national press - and most of them in less than flattering jerk reaction to her case. Dr. Peter

It was Ms Allwood and her partner Paul Hudson who first courted the media approaching Ceotral Television in Birmingham with the news that Ms Allwood was expecting octuplets. Realising from Ceotral's interest what a story they had, the couple contacted PR agent Max Clifford who negotiated a deal with the News of the World, reputedly

worth at least £350,000. Ms Allwood appeared on the froot page of the paper declaring: "I'm going to have all my eight babies" and defying her doctors' advice to have a selective reduction. Mr Clifford revealed he was hoping to raise up to £1m io sponsorship deals. But fears that the prospect of wealth and fame were impairing Ms Allwood's judgement were fuelled by talk of a "sliding scale" deal with the News of the World, whereby the more babies that were born, the more money she would receive. The pa-

per denied this and said Ms Allwood

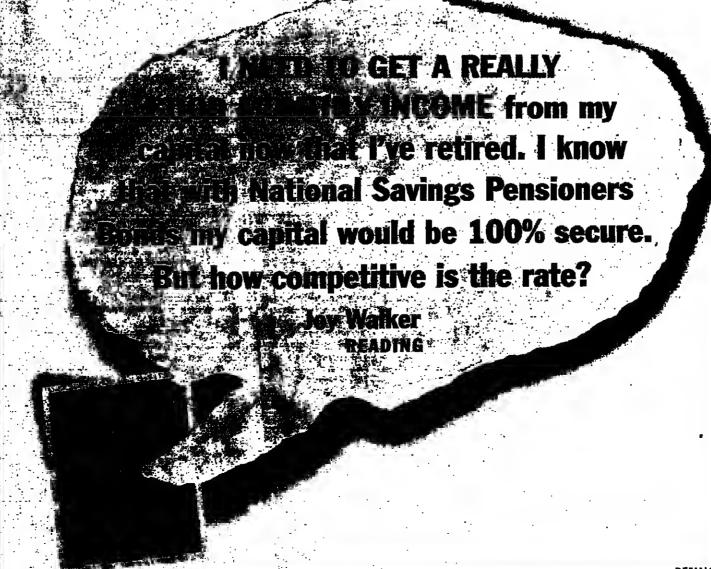
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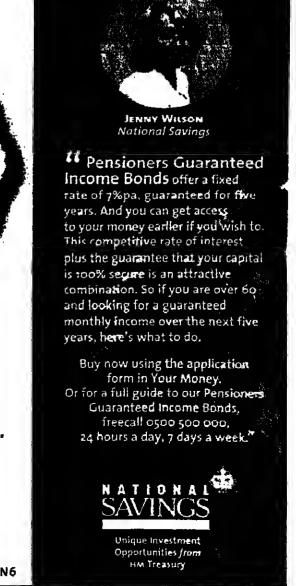
Specialists warned against a knee-Bromwich, medical director with Midland Fertility Services, said that it was not fair to deny people fertility treatment because they had un-

usual lifestyles. "The essence of tragedy is inevitability," he said, "and there was nothing worse for people in our field watching Mandy Allwood from a distance knowing she was going to lose the pregnancy, knowing she was going to damage herself and powerless to intervene.









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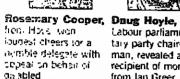
"If all we have is what we own, not what we share, we are all the losers for it." Tony Blair.

"Any party that can abuse Emma Nicholson in the way that it did demonstrates the depths of its prajudice against women in politics."

"John Major is going to stand as John Bull. He may not have much beef in his manifesto but there will certainly be a lot of hull." Robin Cook.

"One of the most deceitful speeches in British political history - not a contract with Britain but a con trick on Britain." Michael Heselline.





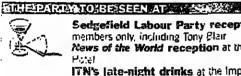
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Sedgefield Labour Party reception: members only, including Tony Blair
News of the World reception at the Pembroke

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This is my covenant with the British people. Judge me on it'



Leading light: Tuny Blair being congratulated by his wife Cherie after yesterday's keynote address to conference

Anthony Bevins reports on Tony Blair's promises for a Labour government

Tony Blair yesterday promised an age of achievement for the new millennium - backed by an courage and trust New Labour. education:

"Have the courage to change now," he said in a direct appeal to the television audience beyond the Blackpool party conference. We are coming home to you. We are back as the party of the people; and that is why the people are coming back to

The heartfelt enthusiasm of the party delegates for the speech, belied that central message for the electorate - that Mr Blair by oo means believes that the next election is in the hag.

The British people want change, I am sure of that," he said. "But they need to trust us." For that reason, he then offered the voters a performance contract, a covenant for government. with 10 yows to be delivered by the end of a five-year term of Labour government.

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■to be financially prudent oo borrowing and inflation; ■to keep tax promises:

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■to cut primary school class sizes and raise school standards; ■ to devolve power to Scotland, Wales and the English regions: to huild a new and constructive relationship in Europe. That is my coverant with the British people," he said. "Judge

For the future, not the past. For the many, not the few. For trust, not betraval. For the age of achievement, not the age of declice.

At the start of the speech, Mr Blair repeated the words of John Smith on the night before his death in May 1994; "A chance to serve, that is all we ask."

But he also offered a number of hard-edged developments in policy that would also he applied if Labour got elected: oew plans for what he called a national grid for knowledge, simpler government and a British-led drive to complete the

European single market. orities for government were education, educatioo and education - with state schools so good that parents would no year in the public sector," he longer want to go private. said. "But a lot of what gov-

Having annouoced last year that he had reached an understanding with BT to cable schools, colleges and libraries oo to the information superhighreform to tackle the tangle of way, Labour said yesterday that the telephone costs of coonecting up to the loternet had

that was the case. "The cables for free, The conoections at low cost. Plans for computers." But Mr Blair said: "What matters in the eod, though, is the educational material that comes down those cahles, into those computers and

to be kept low and talks were

being held with BT to ensure

into the mind of the child." The Labour leader also took Mr Blair said his three pri- an initiative on the system of government, offering not higger government, but simple government. "We spend £300hn a said. "But a lot of what gov-

ernment does isn't about helping us achieve. It's stopping us achieving. He promised a programme of

red tape and confusion created by Conservative local government reforms that have created more than 15 separate providers of local services. The proposals include low-cost information lines and "first-stop shops" that would simplify the delivery of information on public services. "If you are a young person leaving school, leaving home and looking for a job, you can have to cootact 11 government offices, not one. Finding care for an elderly relative takes

four stops, not ooe."
He also complained that a small engineering firm in Blackwould hiring an extra member best out of Europe for Britain.

of staff. With Mr Blair proclaiming Labour "the party of small business", the party pro-

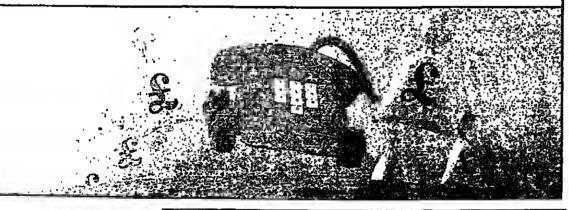
poses to cut compliance costs. Following a successful and united debate on Europe, Mr Blair also promised to exploit the British EU presidency, due to start in January 1998, to complete the single market.

Marking out Labour's commitment to Europe, Mr Blair said: "Leave Europe, or retreat to its sidelines as these Tories want to do, and this country will lose its influence and inward investment. The Tories may glor, in perpetual isolation. That's negstanding up for Britain. That's betraying British interest."

Mr Blair said he was to begin discussions with European leaders in advance of the election so he could prepare to meet the 1998 deadline. "It means new opportunities for our firms. pool was spending as much on and new jobs for our people. dealing with inspectors as it. That is the best way to get the

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It would be nice Acclaim spiked if he had just a little bit of spice

Things had definitely been look-ing up. First there was the stall from the Health Education Association, where a lithe young lady offers "on-site massage". then Labour's shadow spokesthing on women, Janet Anderson, appeared to suggest that women were as naturally promiscunus as men, and that a Labour government would recognise this interesting fact. This is, of course, a shameless attempt to win the votes of middle-aged wnmen in the Shires, whose marriages to colonels and brokers have left

them with an negasm deficit. But the real obstacle to nning back the Interesting Party label from the Clark/Norris Tories is, of course, its leader. Which may seem odd. After all Tony is handsome, sincere and caring: New Labour, New Man. Yet when I asked around, very few women admitted to fantasies of a naughty night with him. Instead they used words like uncase and coldness. Tony is the sort of man their unromantic mothers always want-

ed to pair them off with. And his image is certainly one of a stern paterfamilias: a man who says grace before supper, rather than ravishing Grace after You can imagine him complaining to Cherie about too much sex oo television: "Tm not a prude, but it's sn unnecessary." Gordon, with his lasciv-ious lips, probably actually has sex on the television, Paddy we all know about, and now Emma Nicholson has spilled the beans on the galloping Major But Tony sounds as though be would like to merge the Labour Party with the Salvation Army and the Festival of Light. He is Cliff Richard with kids, the sort of man who'd get up during a rainy day at Wimbledon and sing "Summer Holiday".

Even those who do fancy him are disappointed, seeing him as being a bit like David Bowie in *The Man Who Fell T*n Earth - a perfect specimen of a man, until he took his clothes nff, to reveal a complete lack of nseful protuberances. This absence of danger is one of the reasons why Tony has falled to maintain his popularity. Many look at the Tory red-eye posters



and sigh, "if naly".

So when a great secret door npened in the Miniment Th Popular Achievement, and the limber figure with blond hair and delicate skin walked out, you could almost hear the women and gays in the andience willing Blair to strut his stuff, to be dangerous, to give it some dick.
And did he? Unfortunately an

early reference to New Labour, New Members, turned out to be merely an expression of pleasure at the increased size of his party - Tumescent Labour, if you like. His announcement that David Blunkett would set up a National Network of Millennium Volunteers (presumably charged with ushering in the next 1,000 years earlier than

would have happened under the Tories) also felt Cliffish. But then, I think, he started to connect - when he talked about visiting Dunhlane and banning hand guns, and his fa-ther's illness and loyalty and ali that. At which point I recalled being told about how he dances by a woman who knows. "He's not what you'd expect", she told me, "he holds you tight". Oh - and a leader who can say that the First Wonder of the World is the mind of a child, and mean it, is OK by me. Because it's true.

BARRIE CLEMENT and JOHN RENTOUL Tooy Blair's speech received

widespread acclaim throughout Labour's political spectrum but there were still voices of caution and disseot. Eveo the comments of the most cynical of Mr Blair's eoemies within the movement, however, could not compare with the vitriol of the Tory reaction. Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister. said: "It was a nasty spiteful

Britain's middle classes will oot be tooled." Some unioo leaders were relieved, but others suspicious that Mr Blair's address contained no reference to the link between the party and the

speech, riddled with hypocrisy.

While most trade unionists said publicly that the leader's address was a triumph, hehind the scenes they pointed to the one issue which seemed to be absent and which had opened up deep divisions during the Trades Union Coogress meeting. Warnings that the address

would contain reference to the further weakening in the relationship proved grouodless. However, union delegates forecast that state funding of parties would probably become a priority for a Labour cahinet which would sever the financial umbilical cord between the party and its affiliates.

The speech received a carefully balanced response from the Confederation of British Industry. A statement said: "The CBI welcomes the fact that Tony Blair highlighted education and training as a clear priority for a THE REACTION

by union voices

of caution

future Labour government." The employers' body also welcomed the promise to complete the European single market but said it remained opposed to be the Social Chapter and plans for a national minimum wage.

Paul Clarke, a Labour delegate from Windsor sporting an "old Labour" T-shirt, joined reluctantly in the standing ova-tion. He said: "I'm behind him as leader, but he is very much on probation." John Monks. TUC general

secretary, welcomed the commitment to legislation on workers nights at an "early" stage of a Labour government.

More surprisingly support came from Lew Adams, leftwing leader of Aslef, the traio drivers' union, and recently one of Mr Blair's most vociferous critics. He described the address as a "political tour de force" and said: "Tony has managed to weld together his vision of future progress with many of the values so important to the par-



support: Union (above) and Adams



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Mr Cook skilfully skirted

Labour divisions on the issue,

while hinting at his own doubts

about Britain's ability to join the

Euro, saying: "If the Maastricht

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Robin Cook: Delights party tamed attack on Conse Photograph: Brian Harris divisions over Europe.

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Cook backs off joining new currency at launch

A Labour government would not join a single European currency at its launch, senior pro-Europeans close to Tony Blair have accepted.

The evidence of a shift in the Labour leader's thinking came as Robin Cook, shadow Foreign Secretary, yesterday told delegates that "jobs will be the bottom line" in judging whether Britain should take part in

monetary union. Mr Cook, the Shadow Cabinct's most powerful sceptic on monetary union, signalled his views in a short passage in a sparkling speech which de-lighted delegates with a susned attack on Conservative

Mocking John Major's call for a debate on the "big issues" including Europe, Mr Cook said: on government spending, then why should it not set objectives for those same governments to Lamont has called Ted Heath a discount of the set of the se

Change signalled as Euro-debate turned to jobs, reports John Rentoul

try shoold be postponed.

A senior Labour pro Euro-

seek to join "within a year" of

the launch of a single currency, due in January 1999. Previous-ly Mr Cook has spoken of the

failure of the British economy

an said Mr Blair was likely to

dinosaur. Hogh Dykes has Mr Blair and Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, have rejected the idea of targets for cut-Bill Cash a notter ... This is the

As the Euro debate rages behind the scenes, with the Labour leader holding the ring between his two heavyweight shadow ministers, Mr Cook and Mr Brown, the argument seems to have moved on from whether Britain should join in the first wave in how long en-

In his speech, Mr Cook an nounced the appointment of Sir Michael Butler, the former British ambassador to the EU who renegotiated the terms of Britain's entry into the EEC for Harold Wilson, as Labour's special envoy to countries want-

to keep up with Germany over ing to join the union. He introduced video enthe past 30 years, suggesting a delay measured in decades.

Mr Blair made clear in his speech that the single currency will only come with the full dorsements of Labour from three Enropean leaders - Wim Kok of the Netherlands, Antonio Goterres of Portugal and consent of the people". He is thought to accept that a refer-eodum on the issue could not Franz Vranitsky of Austria - and challenged Mr Major to find three who would send a similar be won in the near future.

Women lose out on safe

Only eight women have been picked 10 staod in the 31 winnable or safe seats where

A succession of women delegates yesterday denounced as 'shameful" the action of the two male party members who challenged the women-only shortlists. But the decision of the National Executive Commit-

Instead, Labour in govern-

"Every country that has made progress on this issue has used some kind of quota system to deliver the change," she said. Norway and Sweden had led the way and now had sister parties in power made up of 50:50 men and women.

But the glaring bastion of dis-crimination for all political parties remains the House of Commons. Only 10 per cent of the 651 MPs are women. Ms Short noted that she was one of only 187 women ever elected to

"Despite some sniping from the sidelines, we have selected 80 women MPs after the electotal. However, much of the in-

"Anyone who thought our pointed," Brenda Etchells said



has resurfaced in the Labour Party since an industrial tribunal ruled that its policy of using womeo-only short lists for parliamentary selections was unlawful.

candidates have been picked since the Leeds tribunal decision last January.

tee not to appeal against the rul-ing was not criticised.

ment may change the law, to permit positive discrimination m order to get more women into Parliament. Several overseas systems of achieving balance are being studied. One route might be through an up-dated Sex Dis-

Clare Short, chair of the NEC Womeo's Committee, said that exhortation to select more women, positive action to train women or to ensure there were more on shortlists, did not produce results.

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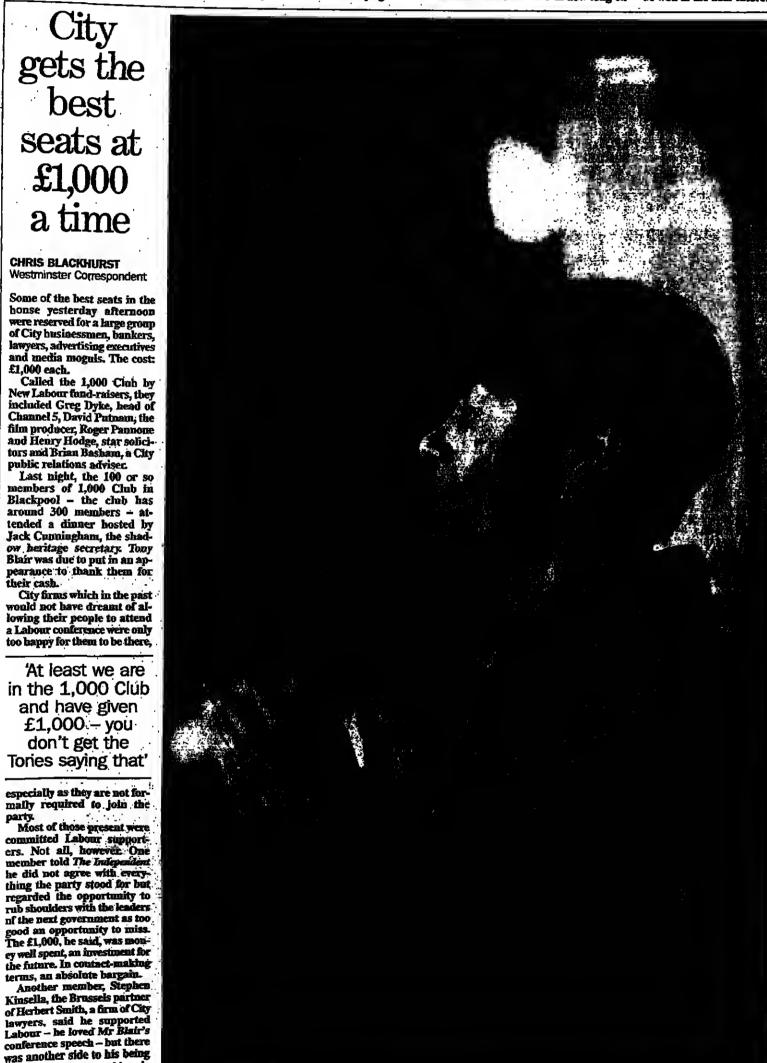
wards equality. The NEC now has a balance of the sexes and well over half the constituency party delegates at Blackpool this week are women - 425 compared with 320 men.

the Commons.

112 women candidates, 43 of whom are likely to win," she said. Labour could have about tion - around 25 per cent of its crease will be the result of the now outlawed policy of allwomen shortlists in half nf all proportion of women selected

culture had changed so we could achieve equality without a mechanism has been disap-

on behalf of the NEC. Elizabeth Donnelly-Luff, of Oxford East CLP, said womeo would be "lucky to get a lookin" in remaining selections, while other speakers demand-



Star attraction: Tony Blair speaks, admired by Glenda Jackson

it is still in its infancy - Labour. is stealing yet another march Brussels this year, there was a on the Tories. At their conferreception for the club's Euro- ence, the Tories also land their

meet ministers and, on the fi- 1,000 Club members are main anonymous and secret. nal day, ushering them into prime seats for Mr Major's address.

clearly identified by their badges. There is no mistaking who they are, or the depth

"At least we go obout saying we are in the 1,000 Club and have given £1,000 - you don't In forming the 1,600 Club — with the party treasurers, to tween the parties. Labour's Conservative donors re- Kinsella said.

Photograph: Brian Ham's

Blunkett's young millennium army of 100,000

FRAN ABRAMS Education Correspondent

A task force of 100,000 young people will be pressed into service as "Millennium Volunteers" in the first three years of a Labour government, the party's education and employment spokesman will announce today.

there. "Good networking is also part of the point of it," he

Apart from being fêted at the

onnual conference, 1,000 Club

members are invited to a gar-

den party in the summer. In

David Blunkett's speech to the conference will call for 30,000 18 to 25-year-olds to sign up for six months' service in each of the years leading up to the end of the ceotury. A Labour government would ask them to carry out environ his first conference speech as ed to meet.

derly and also to work with the

deots taking a year off between school and university. All the major voluntary or-

ganisations and other charities

leader, has long been keen to year-olds into classes as well. set up a programme of citiThe party will also set targets
zens' service for young people. for literacy and numeracy which He announced the proposal in all 11-year-olds will be expect-

meotal projects, to help the el-dock and also to work with the Also in Mr Biunkett's speech will be plans for 25 regional cen-Some would be recruited tres of excellence for nuiseryfrom among the long-term un age children. These would employed; others would be stucare and education, and would also train teachers and other

staff to raise standards. Labour has pledged to prowould be asked to get involved vide at least part-time oursery education for all four year-olds m the scheme.
Tony Blair, the Labour and to set targets to get three

behind at primary school will be which would he repeated asked to attend summer classes during the holidays to help them catch up. The programme would be similar to the "University of the First Age" already being run on a voluntary basis m Birmingham. The plan drew criticism from the Education Secretary, Gillian Shephard, yesterday. She said that most of the areas in which children were failing were already being

run by Labour.

"A three-week summer camp - a mere gimmick - cannot rec-

Today, Mr Blunkett will an- tify years of misrule in the nounce that children who fall Labour town halls, misrule the motion due to be debated, from Ealing-Southall and throughout the land in the un-Poplar and Canning Town, to likely event of Labour ever being in government," she said. number of unions were pre-■ Unions last might began to ralpared either to abstain or vote ly to the support of the Labour against the proposition. leadership on the issue of pen-

sions, in an attempt to avert a first defeat for the platform. Mr Blair is anxious to avoid conference decisioo today which would commit the party to a link between state pensions and figures for national earn-

nearly 10 per ceot of the conference vote, decided to abstain if the issue is forced to a vote. The constituency parties, how-ever, were thought to be ready to back the motion which has been endorsed by Baroness Castle, the former Labour cab-



Gülbahar Gündüz was accused of belonging

to an illegal Marxist party. After the ordeal detailed above, her torturers kicked her so hard in the back that she collapsed. They carried her to court on a blanket, hardly able to

She was taken to hospital. The doctor said her life was in danger, but staff had to stop her police guards beating her in her hospital bed.

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CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Fransport Correspondent

A last-minute High Court challenge is being launched to prevent the construction of the Saiisbury by-pass in Wiltshire which environmentalists say will destroy water meade which are rich in several rare species of plant and a Site of Special Scientific Interest - and were immortalised by Constable's painting Sal-isbury Cathedral: From the Meadows.

The £76m bypass on the A36 is expected to be given the go-ahead by ministers in the next few weeks, but Friends of the Earth has been granted leave to challenge the Department of Transport over its refusal to release a report on whether it will increase traffic. Traffic generation has become a key factor in assess since an advisory committee to the DoT reported last year that new roads do attract extra journeys. Since the Sactra report, all schemes have had to be reassessed but the DoT has refuse to publish the new evidence in this case. It has en given until 21 October to file papers giv ing the reason for not releasing the rep FoE says it must do under European legislation

The decision to approve the Salisbury bypass is expected "within weeks" according to the DoT, a sign that it may be announced at next week's Tory party conference by Sir George Young, Secretary of State for Transport, who is known to be in favour of the scheme.

In the past couple of years half of the road programme has been scrapped because of Sactra and budget cuts, and only a handful of new starts are expected this year. Campaigners against the Salisbury road argue that it is no longer part of a plan to link Southampton with Bristol. Simon Lyster, director general of the Wildlife Trusts, said: "This bypass will not solve Salisbury's traffic problems but it will destroy irreplaceable wildlife habitat."

Messages from Moscow: Impact of Soviet agents revealed

Top-secret files lift the lid on Cold War espionage

JOHN CROSSLAND

A glimpse into the hall of mirrors of Cold War Intelligence was provided yesterday when secret cipher documents be-tween KGB spymasters in Moscow and their agents in Britain and America were opened to the public.

Documents from GCHQ, the Government's communication headquarters, confirmed the identity of two important Russian agents and reveals a third, hitherto unknown.

Some 57 files, all stamped Top Secret, were released at the Public Record Office in Kew. detailed the impact on Britain of the traitors Guy Burgess, Donald McLean and Kim Philby, who passed thousands of documents relating to security

Also released were documents from a programme set up in the US in 1945 to check and decipher Soviet transmissions.

Codenamed Venona, it op-erated at Arlington Hall, Virginia. In 1948, Britain started working with the Americans and banded in 1980. The operation monitored the activities of atom spies like Klaus Fuchs, Theodore Hall and others whose activities meant Russia was able to explode its first nuclear device in September 1949. The papers show that Fuchs

was an active agent in 1941, at which time he was working in Birmingham under a Russian

agent code-named Sonia. When the Cambridge-based physicist joined the top secret Manhattan Project in the US to work on the atomic bomb, he was one of an élite team of scientists and Nobel prize winners, led by Robert Oppenheimer, at Los Alamos, New Mexico. Also ject]. on the team was British-based. physicist Theodore Hall, a US ciuzen but also a Moscow agent.

He and Fuchs succeeded in passing almost every aspect of the bomb and its construction methods to their controllers. Fuchs's codename was Charles, and four and a half

months before the first bombs

levelled Hiroshima and Na-

Mushroom cloud: Information from spies was vital to Soviet atom scientists. Right: The notorious British spy Kim Philby

gasaki in August 1945, Russia Bailey in March 1950 and was was praising his work. Bailey in March 1950 and was eventually was released in 1959 A cable to New York from Moscow centre in April 1945 said: "Charles's information on the atomic bomb is of great value. Apart from the data on the atomic mass of the nuclear ex-

BAL [Balloon, a codename], it

plosive and on the details of the explosive method of actuating

to go to East Germany. Hall was never arrested and still lives in Cambridge with his wife Joan. After the war he did pioneering work on X-ray mi-

It is likely the security services decided not to prosecute in case it tipped the Russians off

'Charles's information on the atom bomb is of great interest. We also wish to establish the following...

contains information received for the first time from you about the electro-magnetic method of separation of Enor-muz [the Atomic Energy Pro-

"We wish in addition to establish the following: What kind of fusion - by means of fast is known to have cost the lives or slow neutrons? Meanwhile, Hall, who was co-

denamed Mlad, had passed on details of the plants and manufacturing methods at the six factories building the bombs. Fuchs was sentenced to 14 years imprisonment at the Old

to how much of their cable traffic was being monitored. His identity was revealed in December last year by the

references to Philby, Burgess and McLean, whose treachery

Tales from the front-line: Harsa lessons from an inner-city school. Page 8

most severed relations between the US and British security services. The Americans were appalled at the number of breaches in security coming from Britain and openly expressed reluctance to become involved in joint operations.

McLean was working at the British embassy in Washington passing details of policy over the future of occupied territories back to his masters. He stole cables at the high-

est security level. Because of the Russian espionage system's use of one-time code pads, just how much he had stolen was not finally discovered until July

Of the 2,200 signals released today, many are more scraps, identified. But over time, the key senders were identified by their codenames. McLean was Homer, Burgess was Hicks, and Philby was Stanley.

In September 1945, Moscow centre was in a panic following the defection in Canada of Igor Guzenko, which prompted a major spy-hunt as he revealed secrets to the Canadians.

Moscow mounted a damagelimitation exercise in all areas, including Britain, instructing controllers to cut down on meet ings and warning agents to take greater care. Philby, who held a senior post in British intelli-gence, passed back that the defection had caused disruption and led to the introduction of counter-measures. At the same time. Moscow sent a new agent, codenamed to Boris, to Britain to act as controller of a British

spy known as Johnson. General Pavel Fitin, head of Moscow centre, was worried whether the two would get on insisted that meetings with Philby and Burgess should not be increased in case they were



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Thousands die needlessly from breast cancer breast cancer

Health Editor, in Istanbul

Thousands of women are miss-ing out on life-saving drug treat-ment for breast cancer despite incontrovertible evidence that it can reduce the spread of the disease and increase chances of

The cure rate could be increased by as much as 30 per cent if more women were given chemotherapy early in the course of the disease, in addition to removal of the tumour, Margaret Gilchik, a surgeon from St Mary's Hospital in

However, more than half of

women across all age groups treated in NHS hospitals still did not have chemotherapy. Mrs Gilchik accused some surgeons and radiotherapists of being lazy, and giving inappropriate or incomplete treatment because they failed to recognise hreast cancer as a systemic (whole body) disease.

Britain has one of the worst rates of breast cancer in the world, and spread of the disease from the primary tumour to the bone, liver and other organs is responsible for most of the 15,000 deaths each year. Chemotherapy has been

shown to wipe out the tiny "tumour seeds" - cancer cells which break off from the breast tumour and lodge in bone and elsewhere - in a majority of patients. A ground-breaking study by the Imperial Cancer Re-search Fund published in 1992 concluded that chemotherapy in early breast cancer would save thousands of lives worldwide.

But the emphasis has con-tinued to be on surgical removal of the cancer and radiotherapy to wipe out any remaining cancerous cells in the breast, Mrs Gilchik told the British Medical Association's Annual Clinical

Meeting yesterday.
About 25,000 women a year develop breast cancer, and about a third of cases are in premenopausal women. They tend to have more aggressive tu-mours and respond less well to surgery and radiotherapy than post-menopausal women, which is why early chemotherapy is vital in that group.

In addition, very few younger women benefit from tamox-

in older women in recent years, although some doctors prescribe it anyway.

Mrs Gilchik said that all

women with hreast cancer, re-gardless of age, should receive chemotherapy except for those with small, localised tumours which had not spread from the breast to the lymph nodes. Ag-gressive triple therapy – surgery, chemotherapy and radiothera-py – was a treatment of choice.

Chemotherapy was associated with distressing side-effects, Mrs Gilchik said, but the worst. such as violent nausea and hair loss, could be reduced with

other drugs or treatment.

The poor standard of treatment for breast cancer in British hospitals was a result of the disease falling between two spe-cialities. surgery and radiotherapy. The role of the surgeon was declining and radiotherapists were developing into oncologists - cancer physicians with expertise in the administration of chemotherapy as well as radiotherapy.

*Radiotherapists are very much better now and hreast specialists [surgeons who do only hreast surgery] are going to make a big difference." Mrs Gilchik said. The development of cancer units across the country as centres of excellence serving smaller hospitals, as envisaged by the Calman Report, was also important.

Mrs Gilchik, one of only a handful of women surgeons in the country, also criticised the number of mastectomies still being carried out. A lumpectomy, followed by radiotherapy was at least as effective as removal of been credited with the falling the whole hreast, she said.

Inner city pupils stunted by gap in growth and development

DOUL HISTOUL **Education Editor**

Public school heads, including those from exclusive fee-paying schools such as Winchester and Eton, heard yesterday of the daily hattle against poverty and emotional neglect waged by teachers in inner city schools.

Dee Palmer-Jones, head of Brackenhoe School, a Middlesbrough comprehensive for 11 to 16-year-olds, told the annual Headmasters and Headmistresses Conference in Glasgow that many of her pupils were two years behind their contemporaries physically and emotionally. They were two inches shorter than average, weighed less and had vitamin deficiencies. Fifty eight per cent were on free school meals.

The school's counsellor, who visited several schools, had told her of a boy who was very thin and whose behaviour was poor. He told the counsellor that his mother was very ill with cancer. When the counsellor visited the mother, it turned out she had made up the story that she had cancer. If he was naughty, she said the cancer would come back. In fact, she had an eating disorder and never cooked the boy a hot meal.

Then there was the family vis-ited because of concern about school attendance where seven children had only one bed. Six slept on the floor on piles of clothes. Social services had provided beds but the father, before he left, sold them for cash. The school was within eight

miles of the coast yet there were pupils in the first year who had never seen the sea. Brackenhoe School was far

from unique, she added. She knew from other inner-city heads that drug dealers were now giving children drugs on credit. When they could not pay hack the money, they were threatened with violence and, in the case of girls, forced into prostitution.

Inner city heads were afraid to speak out for fear of alienating the few parents of children at their schools who were not deprived. "There is a belief, often articulated by politicians, that poverty isn't an excuse for poor achievement. Research shows that there is a correlation between deprivation and low

educational achievement." Her staff, however, were

working hard to overcome pupils disadvantages. There was a homework centre after school, residential visits for outdoor pursuits, the arts and for pupils with difficulty mak-ing relationships. There were 12 handtime supervisors trained to befriend pupils and listen to their problems.

She said: "We cannot afford to have an underclass with so little surrounded by images of prosperity and materialism.

Canon Peter Hullah, head of Chethams School, Manchester, said: "It was very impressive because it was for real. It gave me many ideas about how to cope with children from a great range of hackgrounds."
Earlier, Professor Richard

Best universities 'must be élitist'

Élitism is the only way to keep forefront of learning, Professor Alec Broers, Cambridge's new vice-chancellor, said yesterday.

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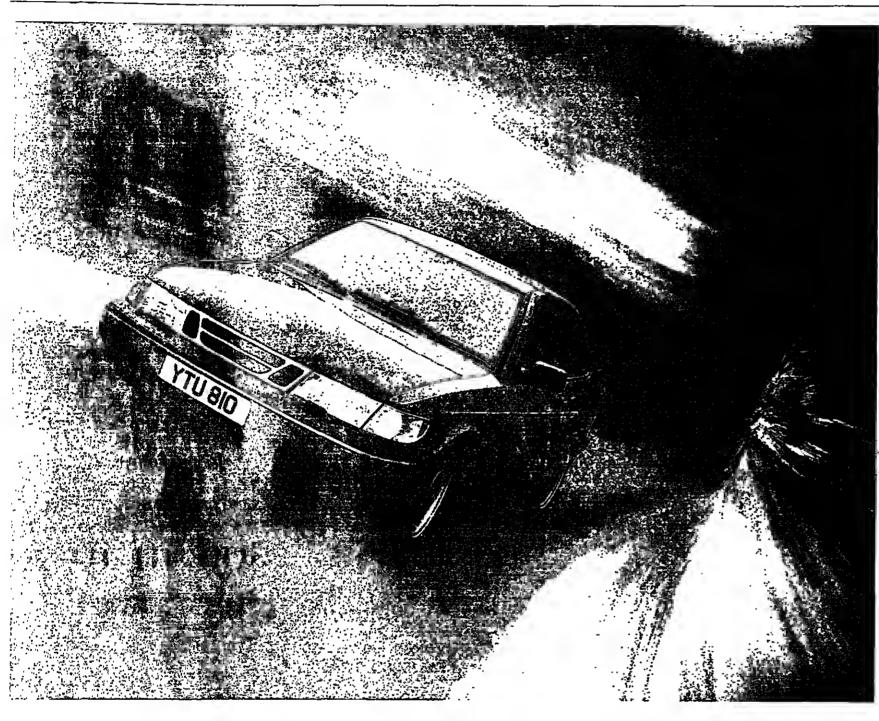
Leading universities needed the best students, the most brilliant professors and the highest standard of facilities to stay ahead.
"No one who has the guts to

ask for the best can escape being accused of élitism," Professor Broers said on his first day in the post. "Egalitarianism is naturally desirable when votes are to be gained, but it snuffs out the flame of inspiration and is the executioner of the first division.

Professor Broers said top universities must receive a bigger slice of the budget to remain as centres of excellence. The Government was spreading money across too many universities for political reasons.

Whitfield, head of St Geurge's House, an independent think-tank at Windsor Castle, urged heads to jettison some academic subjects and teach pupils to manage relationships. Boys in particular, he said, suffered from emotional illiteracy.

He said we had entered "a new darker age of widespread child emotional neglect", with too many parents neglecting children because they were too busy or under too much stress. The problem applied as much to pupils in independent schools



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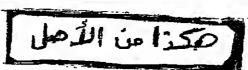


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Opera and ballet are the hottest tickets

Marianne Macdonald on a surge in popularity over the past decade

Opera and ballet have under-gone a resurgence of popular-ity over the past decade, the Arts Council's annual report

reveals today.

It cites surveys that show the number of adults who go to the opera in England has soared by per cent to 2.6 million since 1986, while the number who attend ballet is up by 19 per cent to 2.7 million.

Successes such as those of Matthew Bourne's all-male Swan Lake and Jonathan Miller's Carmen at the English National Opera are thought to have contributed to the trend.

The arts generally are thriv-ing, with the number of people who go to art exhibitions and classical music concerts also at their highest levels for 10 years, the Target Group Index research shows.

Last year, 8.7 million people said they went to art exhibitions, a rise of 9 per cent from 1986. Similarly, 5 million said they went to classical music concerts, up by 7 per cent.
The results come despite

cuts in funding for the arts, about which the "luvvies" have complained hitterly. Among them is Sir Cameron

Mackintosh, the impresario responsible for the runaway mnsical successes Cats, Miss Saigon and Les Misérables, and arguably the world's most successful theatre producer.

His warning in the same Arts Council report that "the fabric of British theatre, built up over so many decades, has been eroded to a point where contrast, theatre attendances in the surveyed period stayed flat. Last year 9.5 million people said they went to plays, a rise of only 4 per cent since 1986 - equivalent to the rise in the adult population. The size of the audience for contemporary

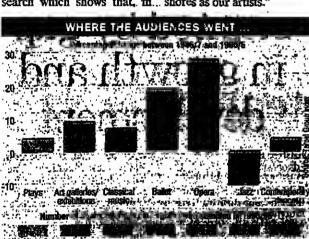
dance was also effectively static - 1.6 million, up 4 per cent.
It is not clear why theatre should have been at a standstill, though some say drama in England has been over-reliant on old favourites in recent years and has not put sufficient investment into innovation.

In June, Lord Gowrie, chairman of the Arts Council, argued in a speech in the House of Lords that lack of proper revenue funding for the arts would inevitably lead to a fall in attendances.

"However much foreign visitors admire your actors, actresses and musicians, they will not indefinitely support nncomfortable, non-air condi-tioned, tatty theatres," he said.

Lord Gowcie writes in the report that the arts are Britain's third or fourth most important industry, and, if taken with leisure and tourism, equal to the oil, pharmaceuticals and financial services industries.

"So when you read a snide leader in the Sun or Daily Mail about lottery grants, or tales of 'luvvies lining each other's pockets', please remember that 'huvvies' of one kind or another are seeing to it that Britain is boxing above her weight in the world as well as contributing been eroded to a point where hugely to her economy. Only the system is like a worn sock" perhaps the Sovereign carries as much moral weight beyond our search which shows that, in shores as our artists."





Prada on parade: The British model, Kate Moss, shows off the Italian designer's latest ready-to-wear collection in Milan Photograph: Luca Bruno/AP

Modelled on the catwalks of Milan coming soon to Britain's high streets

TAMSIN BLANCHARD Fashion Editor

Milan fashion week focuses around the collections of just a handful of designers who are some of the most influential and directional in the world. The clothes they send down the catwalk this week will be absorbed by magazine stylists, photographers and other image makers, as well as by the companies that mass manufacture High Street clothes that don't cost the earth and

that most people buy and wear.

Prada, which showed yesterday
morning, is one of these super labels. Such is its influence that a model need only cough on the catwalk and the rest of the fashion world will break into mass coughing fits. A single massuming 40-something woman, Minccia Prada is responsible for much

of what we have seen on the High Street for the past few seasons - from the current crop of antiqued leather shoes that are featured in chain stores from Miss Selfridge to Ravel, to the strange Seventies' abstract prints in stores like

It all happens in a tiny white showroom in a back street in Milan. The crowds gather early, desperate for a glimpse of the Prada look for spring/summer 97. Deadpan models walk down the catwalk like automatons dressed in wispy lengths of sheer chiffon and Imperial Chinese style three inch platform wedge sandals.

The detail of the shoes is important only a small number of women will be able to afford the real thing, but the style will be copied and mass marketed in a shop or market stall near yon by

The collection also includes mandarin collar chiffon cardigans, transparent empire line chiffon dresses that would have been worn as underslips by a Jane Austen heroine, bamboo brocade, silk skirts and narrow Cheongsam dresses worn over floaty chiffon trousers, oriental flower embroideries, and the Prada trademark been increasing every year since the introduction of a women's wear line in

Before that, the privately owned family company set up by Mincia
Prada's grandfather, specialised in
leather goods. By the end of the decade,
cosmetics, perfume, lingerie and the
home collection will have been added to the empire. This year, the company plans to expand worldwide adding 35 new stores to the existing 61. By next year, sales are expected to increase from

this year's £500m to £730m. Design duo Dolce & Gabbana and stylist Krizia today unveil their latest

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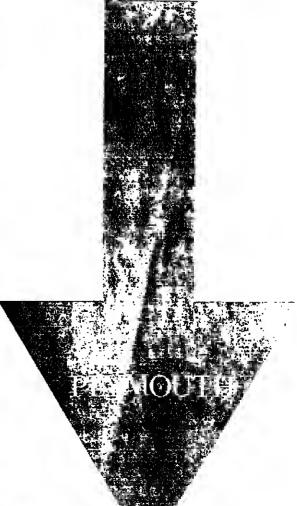
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Modern bards line up for battle

the next 10 days for the crown of favourite post-war poem in a BBC poll celebrating the

Imagine, WH Auden's Stop all different poems. "Last year lots the Clocks and Ted Hughes's of people voted for the classic Bob Dylan's Blowing in the Wind and John Betjemen's Slough are to battle it out over

third National Poetry Day.
Bookmakers William Hill
are compiling the odds for the
showdown, with John Lennon's

In a similar poll last year to find out the all-time favourite, Rudyard Kipling's If was the clear winner. More than 7.500 people voted for around 1,000

DAILY POEM

The enormous kite did not find its real soul

until the string snapped acting as a wedge to start

the year's first haiku

When I pinch the wings of this butterfly, it feels like nothing on earth

Despite its brevity, the haiku is a tough and resilient form, its 17 syllables (5-7-5) capable of an infinite variety of tones and rhythms, writes James Kirkmp. Nothing should be added, nothing taken out in translation. Alas, some English haiku amateurs have been misled by William Higginson's outdated, pedantic Haiku Handbook, which authorises his readers to doodle "free-form" verses, following an obscure Japanese academic's theories about coil (about 1975) shigh no native poets. emic's theories about orgi (phonograms) which no native poets have ever heard of. Matsuo Basho and Yosa Buson are two of the great classic haiku poets, born in the 17th and 18th cen-turies respectively. Mutsuo Takahashi is Japan's greatest living poet.

James Kirkup is president of the British Haiku Association His anthology of classic, modern and contemporary haiku, A Certain State of Mind is published by the University of Salzburg Press. The British Haiku Association can be contacted at Sinodun, Salford, Braintree, Essex CM7 SHN. -

Thought Fox among the other poems they remember with affection from school and modern poetry didn't get a look in," said the BBC's Daisy Goodwin. "This year we're testing the poetry boom: is poetry the new

Haiku (2)

Cicades singing -stridulations drill the rocks how quiet it is

Matsuo Basho

Mutsuo Takahashi

Shugyo Takaha Yosa Buson

Rewriting the script for peace in the Holy Land. Page 11

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Chirac consigns ATEPATYPHAA (Laly to Europe's ASETA second division

ANDREW GUMBEL

Jacques Chirac vesterday said what many people had long thought - Italy is heading for the second division in Europe. The country's hopes of qualifying for the first round of European monetary union were severely rebuffed as the French President explicitly stated that the country is too far behind to meet the Maastricht convergence criteria on time.

The French President singled out Italy as a country that might have to wait beyond the launch date of t January 1999 to be allowed to join a single European currency. He also made special reference to the flation fira as a currency whose devaluation could threaten the export markets of the "core" Europe once monetary union was in place.

More time may be needed for those who are behind, like Italy." Mr Chirae said in what appeared to be a deliberate attempt to humiliate the Rome government ahead of a Franco-Italian summit meeting in Naples, scheduled for the end of the week.

His comments whipped up a storm of protest in Rome, including reports that the bilateral summit was about to be scrapped. The French amhassador. Jean-Bernard Merimée, was summoned to the Prime Minister's office, and eventually Mr Chirac retracted his remarks, saying instead that he "ardently hoped" Italy would make the single currency on time. But by that stage the

damage was already done. By casting doubt on Italy's European future, Mr Chirac eflectively cut the ground from under the Italian government's feet in its efforts to sell the budget - an unprecedented 62.5 tril-lion lire package of spending cuts and swingeing tax increas-cs - as one last hig push for a place in Europe.

The financial package has already caused friction between

broad centre-left coalition, and political analysts believe any serious assault on its credibility would almost certainly cause a government collapse, with incalculable consequences for Italy's future stability. The financial markets remained cautious yesterday, but the lira and Italian bonds lost much of the ground they had gained in

the last few days.

Mr Prodi did his best to remain upbeat, evoking "tensions created by the strength of Italy's export capacity": "We always think of Italy being afraid of competition from France and Germany, In fact, France and

By casting doubt on Italy's European future, Mr Chirac in effect cut the ground from under Mr Prodi's

Germany are also very afraid of

feet

competition from Italy."

A more considered look at the events of the past few days, however, suggests the fear is all on Italy's side, and that a number of European countries intend to make sure that a country burdened with singularly unhealthy public finances does not join the single currency

When Mr Prodi's government took office in May, it had no intention of trying to meet the Maastricht criteria by 1997. but planned to satisfy most of them by 1998 - believing at that stage either that the introduction of a single currency would be postponed or that the criteria would be eased.

That policy remained in place until mid-Seplember, when two key developments forced the Prodi government to change its mind. First, the successful apposing ends of Mr Ptodi's launch of tight-budget packages

in France and Germany sug-gested the euro would in fact be launched on schedule. Second, Mr Prodi made a crucial visit to Spain for talks with his counterpart Jose Maria Aznar.

According to diplomatic sources, Mr Prodi asked Mr Aznar to join him in petitioning the hig European players for a sort of reprieve whereby their two countries would be judged on their economic performance in 1998, not 1997 as was previously agreed. Mr Aznar refused to go along with this plan, telling Mr Prodi that Spain had every intention of meeting the targets.

Suddenly, Italy seemed to have been left out in the cold. and Mr Prodi rushed back to Rome with a new plan. The first budget was ditched and a new, much more austere, one was prepared in 24 hours. The new deal passed muster with the cabinet, and Mr Prodi euphorically announced that the package would get Italy into Europe. That euphoria has proved

near-impossible to maintain. Italy currently meets none of the Maastricht criteria, and even under the latest plan it can only hope to get close to, rather than meet, the target considered most important - a 3 pet cent deficit to GDP ratio, down from around 6.5 per cent now.

The plan can only succeed if the political will exists to admit Italy into the single currency, warts and all, Mr Chirac and Mr Aznar have made clear that they don't like the Idea, and the diplomatic community is fairly sure that Germany doesn't like it either.

"lialy doesn't meet any of the Maastricht criteria and this hudget may not even meet its targets. Because of its high public debt and reliance on short-term debt financing, Italy is still a rather different economy from the core European countries," said Ros Lifton of HSBC Markets in London. "President Chirac's remarks may have been politically inappropriate, but he was largely stating the ohvious."



Blunt: General Lebed says West can choose civilised path or confrontation Photograph: AFP

Lebed threatens West with rusty missiles

PHIL REEVES

Alexander Lehed, Boris Yeltsin's outspoken security chief, yesterday launched another volley of extraordinary threats aimed at Nato, citing Russia's arsenal of missiles as a deterrent against the alliance's

expansion plans. In an outburst certain to cause consternation among Western powers, the Russian news agency, Interfax, said Mr Lebed told Russian journal-ists: "Russia has something with which to oppose Nato's en-largement. They are rusty, but they're missiles all the same."
The agency said Mr Lebed,

a highly popular former general whom many tip to succeed Mr Yeltsin, plans to deliver a blunt message to Nato leaders when he visits the alliance's headquarters in Brussels this month: We either pursue a civilized

path or we move towards confrontation." Mr Lebed's utterances follow a dispute with the Daily Tele-graph, which published an in-terview in which he reportedly

advocated imposing economic sanctions against the United States and Germany if Nato pressed ahead with its expan-sionist policies. The interview was denounced by his press of-fice as a "falsification". The paper has stood by the story.

the former general has been in office, be has established a reputation both for publicity-seeking and for wild remarks. In particular, his views on Nato appear to have hardened from his previous stance. Not long ago, he argued that that the alliance was free to waste money on expansion - as Russia had no intention of threatening any

country outside its borders. His outbursts may be connected with his increasingly overt campaign for the Russian presidency. Last week, he marked his first 100 days in office by bolding a press confer-ence, upbraiding the government's performance.

Russia faces 'unbearable' cash crisis in military

PHIL REEVES

Boris Yeltsin's new Defence Minister, General Igor Rodi-onco, yesterday launched a can-did assault, warning his own government of an "unbearable" crisis in the cash-starved Russian armed forces and chastising Nato for its plans to expand into Eastern Europe.
Two months after taking of-

fice, the general issued a pub-lic appeal to Mr Yeltsin to come to the aid of his ministry before "uncontrollable and undesirable processes" sel in among the ranks, where servicemen are owed millions of dollars in hack pay.

Although the minister did not endorse warnings by his friend, Alexander Lebed, that demoralised, hungry troops may soon mutiny, his remarks prompted an immediate response from the President, who ordered his Prime Minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, to convene a special cabinet meeting on military financing. At present, matters were under control, the gener-al said. But that may not last for long. Unless the picture improved, "Russia may lose its armed forces as an integral and viable state structure with all the consequences that this

may bave."
General Rodionov bas little of the swasbbuckling flamboy-ance of Mr Lebed, the bead of the Security Council, but yesterday's performance proved that be pulls no punches. If Nato expansion plans went ahead, the process of arms reduction, development of trust and security in the European continent may slow down or even stop," he told his first hig press conference in Moscow. Mr Yeltsin wanted a treaty with Nato, before tackling the question of the expansion of the Atlantic alliance. In the weeks since be took up his post, the 60year-old general has shown himself to be a tough-minded and shrewd politician, who is willing to use publicity to pres-

crisis sweeping through Russia's armed forces - an issue that has gained urgency as the govern-ment hammers out next year's

budget. He was not the first choice to replace the unpopular General Pavel Grachev, who was widely hlamed for launching a hopeless war in Chechnya. The post was twice offered to Gen-eral Andrei Nikolayev, the com-mander of the Border Guards, but be turned it down.

Crucially, Gen Rodionov had the support of Mr Lebed, with wbom be had served in action, before moving to a desk job as chief of the army general staff's military academy. The two men share broadly nationalist views: they also have a reputation for not being corrupt, in an army where allegations of skulduggery are rife. They also both supported ending the Chechen

The initial reaction to his appointment was wary, particularly among liberals and Western observers, who suspected him of bardline tendencies. The main evidence against him was his involvement with an outburst of violence in Georgia in 1989. when Soviet troops were unleashed on a pro-independence

rally, killing 19 people.
To what extent General Rodionov, the local commander, was to blame is still disputed, although an investigation by the Soviet parliament held him responsible. "Our impression is that he was carrying out the orders of the Politburo, and the record supports that," said one

Western diplomat. His brief in his new job is extraordinarily tough. He is charged with turning an underfunded and demoralised conscript army of 1.5 million into a leaner, all-professional force capable of defending the security interests of a nation that stretches from the Baltics to the Sea of Japan. The target date is the year 2000, although few analysis believes this is tealistic. Yesterday he said he aimed to shrink the army to 1.2 million sure his government over the by the end of next year.

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Kohl's English teapot terror

IMRE KARACS

They were an inimitable double act - she, a slender woman with glacier-blue eyes; he, an affable giant, his stature dwarfed only by an over-sized ego. Together, they could have ruled the conlinent, but neither was satisfied with the role of a mere co-pilot. So they quarrelled a lot. "On more than one occasion, we had terrible rows," Chancellor Helmut Kohl confesses in his memoirs, I Wanted German Unity,

published yesterday. The purgatory of being locked in one room with Baroness Thatcher bas left a deep impression on Germany's leader. On page after page, he unburdens bimself, revealing the mental scars that remain from duels fought a decade ago. Whatever the issue of the day happened to be, Mr Kohl would invariably find himself in open confrontation with "Margaret". The Chancellor seems to have particularly strong recollections of a stormy Nato summit, when he received the ultimate insult

The Islamic Taliban militia

military chief of the government it ousted from the

forces which captured Kabul

last Friday said he had called

on Ahmad Shah Masood to

More than 100,000 German

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from Britain's Prime Minister. spoke with unbelievable speed Mr Kohl opposed the deployment of sbort-range nuclear missiles on German soil, to which Lady Thatcher responded by "constantly using the word 'cowardice', without naming any names". Everybody knew there that

she was pointing the finger at me," says Mr Kohl. "I stated quite clearly once more wby [I was against it] - because these missiles would fall on Rostock, Leipzig and other places in East Germany. I bad said this as Chancelior, and now I would go on as private citizen Helmut Kohl: 'When I look around, I am the only one here who is the father of two reserve officers. I don't need a lecture from anyone. This clearly impressed Margaret Thatcher, though she would not yield on the issue." At least on that occasion, Lady Thatcher let him finish the sentence, perhaps because other statesmen were also in attendance. Their meetings tête-èwere characterised by a severe communication problem. "She

Italy and Austria called for a

clause to be incorporated in the European Union treaty

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in edgeways," says Mr Kohl. "Sbe would regularly butt in, saying, 'Do not interrupt mel You never stop talking. Gradually, though, Mr Kohl developed a special persona to get him through these difficult encounters. Lady Thatcher required no less than total submission and the German Chancellot found life easiet if

and would not let me get a word

be went along with that role. At a dinner in Cambridge, the Prime Minister expressed amusement at the way Mr Kohl wrapped the napkin around his considerable girth. "It is a white flag of surrender before the Iron Lady," came the reply. It went down a treat. But Helmut Kohl never came to grips with Lady Thatcher's

Being bandbagged was one thing, but having a teapot thrust in your face was more than a man could bear. This is how Mr Kohl remembers

unprovoked charm offensives.

one such session, a reception in Britain: "Margaret Thatcher greated me in ber speech with It's a funny old world.

the kindness that, God knows, I bad not reckoned with. It was like bot and cold baths ... She attached special importance to serving tea herself. From one second to the next, she would suddenly become prime ministerial and aloof again. When the atmosphere bas become too chilly, she would again pick up the tea-pot and offer a refill." Mr Kohl says that she felt it unjust that "Great Britain bad staked her existence and sacrificed her empire in the fight against Hitler. She had won the war and yet lost a great deal." Her stubborn opposition to German unity was only overcome by US pressure, Mr Kohl reveals. Mrs Thatcher and President François Mitterrand of France were summoned in April 1990 to Florida. President George Bush read them the riot act, and France and Britain finally fell into line. "That the three Western powers approved the goal of a fully sovereign united Germany was primarily the achievement of George Bush," the German Chancellor states.

Suu Kyi placed back under house arrest

TIM MCGIRK New Delhi

The Burmese dissident and Nobel Peace laureate. Aung San Suu Kyi, has been placed under "virtual house arrest" in Rangoon after the military regime rounded up more than 500 of her supporters.

Soldiers and riot police have blockaded her bamboo-shrouded family compound beside a lake in Rangoon and are arresting anyone who tries to see ber. Her telephone bas also been cut off. Since January, she bas been denied visits from ber British bushand, Michael Aris, and their two sons.

"No matter what the military wants to call it, she's been put under house arrest again," one opposition source said. Earlier, she spent six years imprisoned in her house before international pressure forced the ruling military regime to release ber in July 1995.

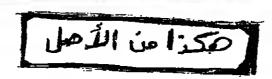
The ruling State Law and Or-der Council, Slore, lashed out at Aung San Suu Kyi last week

to prevent her from meeting members of ber political party. the National League for Democracy, who had flocked to Rangoon from all over Burma. An intelligence officer, Colonel Kyaw Thein, yesterday said restrictions placed on Ms

Suu Kyi were only temporary but did not say when they would be lifted. The colonel said the military had blocked the opposition-party meeting, scheduled last weekend, because it was planned "in collusion" with the US embassy and was intended to spark riots. Both the US embassy and opposition sources denied the charges as absurd.

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With riot police menacing anyone who approached her home, Aung San Suu Kyi, for the first time since her release, was unable to hold her usual weekend rallies. Her whimsical humour, as well as her diamondhard will, attracted thousands of Burmese willing to brave being spotted by the dozens of police spies who pushed into the crowd with their video cameras, recording faces.



Summit aims to resuscitate peace

Clinton opens face-to-face talks

RUPERT CORNWELL

President Bill Clinton and the leaders of Israel, the Palestinians and Jordan hegan their unscripted emergency summit here yesterday to salvage peace in the Middle East, amid some signs of Israeli readiness to negotiate on key issues, but with no guarantce uf a successful outcome.

Mr Clinton opened the summit by praising the leaders for attending at short notice. "No one wants tu turn back," he said of the faltering peace process. He told reporters that the summit would conclude today with a statement but gave no indication what impact it might have. "I don't want to say anything that will make our task harder."

The discussions, planned to last two days, began with a series of bilateral meetings in the Oval Office between Mr Clinton and first King Hussem of Jordan. then Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and finally Yasser Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman.

After that, the four were due to meet as a group before breaking up for separate, more detailed discussions at Blair House, just across from the White House. The discussions were being superintended by Warren Christopher. United States Secretary of State, and Ambassador Dennis Ross, the Clinton administration's top Middle East specialist.

But as the parties got down to business, US officials were holding out no promise of any breakthrough. No specific agenda exists, and such is the mutual suspicion between Mr Netanyahu and Mr Arafat that they might not be able to meet face-to-face

without intermediaries, The most hopeful noises have come from Mr Netanyahu, who on his way here indicated a readiness to negotiate on withdrawal from Hebron, easier horder passage for Palestinians with jobs in Israel, and the opening of an airport in the

concessions, and remains adamant that the tunnel near the al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem will stay open - a stance that both kept President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt away from the meetings and casts doubt over whether anything can be achieved here this week. The peace process was in "a very bad way right now". White House spokesman Mike McCurry said.

With the stakes raised higher still for Mr Clinton by the approaching US presidential elections, Washington is deliberately taking a minimalist view of proceedings. Given the level of mistrust between them, even a frosty public handshake by Mr Netanyahu and Mr. Arafat will be presented as a measurable diplomatic success.

US officials hope the two men can find a formula to end the violence in the West Bank, Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip, and agree to give new impetus to talks aimed at implementing existing peace accords. These have been dragging on for months, getting nowhere. On the tunnel, the best hope is for an international commission to examine the problem.

In a further effort to promote progress here, the White House has asked participants to make no public comment on the talks before they wrap up tonight. Whether that gag rule holds is questionable, however, and senior foreign policy advisers to Republican candidate Bob Dole are showing nu such restraint.

Mr Dole says merely that the US should not pressure "our friend" Israel into unilateral concessions, and should confine itself to the role of honest broker. But former defense secretary Dick Chency and other Dole foreign policy experts on Mon-day unleashed a public harrage at Mr Clinton, saying that the unravelling of the Middle East peace accords - one of the President's most trumpeted foreign policy successes - proved his incompetence in foreign affairs.



Centre of contention: US tourists take photographs of the edit gate of the controversial gate in Old Jerusalem

Israeli hard line fuels fires of hatred

PATRICK COCKBURN

"If Arafat returns from Washington with nothing, you won't see an immediate outbreak of fighting," said Jonathan Kuttah, a Palestinian political activist. "But within a few months, you will see 100 or 1,000 dead."

Nobody on the West Bank, Israeli or Palestinian, doubts that war is very close. At a meeting on the new military situation attended by Benjamin Netanyabu, the Israeli Prime Minister, just before he left for Washington, his chief of staff, senior generals and intelligence officers it was decided to use more firepower. Any Palestinian, according to an officer who . power - two . Merkava tanks took part in the discussion, who "draws near IDF [Israeli will be killed - they will shoot

him without any hesitation". The government thinks that its military superiority in the West Bank and Gaza, established by victory in the 1967 war, has been challenged by the loss of 15 soldiers and border police killed last week, even though there were four times as many deaths among the Palestinians. In future, if demonstrators

move towards the fence around an Israeli position, the local commander will be able to use tanks and armoured vehicles ture the body in the same way

against them. This time, if there is an erup-

tion in the [occupied] territories, we will cream them," another officer at the meeting was quoted as saying by the Huaret: newspaper. The army feels humiliated by the losses suffered last Thursday and Friday and by the fate of a unit effectively tak-

Massive use of Israeli fire-

were drawn up at the entrance

police being drawn into the

ighting. A Palestinian source

said yesterday: "Even the Is-

raelis are only saying that 200

police fired at them last week.

At Ramallah, where intense

fighting took place, the figure was only about 30. Imagine if they had all joined in."

Explaining the severity of many of the injuries, Dr Mustafa Barghouthi, of the Uning of

Palestinian Medical Relief

Committees, said: "The high-ve-

locity bullets used by Israel rup-

The West Bank was calm yes-

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terday but almost all travel and economic life has come to a stop because the Israeli army has put it difficult for US television have become deeply resented symbols of Israeli rule. Rachel's Tomb, on the Jerusalem-Hebron up checkpaints preventing Palestinians moving between the towns and villages. About 100,000 people in the Hebron

area have been confined to en prisoner at Joseph's Tomb in their homes by a five-day curiew. and Israeli authority on the The prevention of travel within the West Bank is a form of collective punishment for all Palestinians

that will certainly lead to more bloodshed Nablus. But the new rules of en-Where there are no check- West Bank. This rickety system points, roads in Palestinian ar-eas have been closed with maintained by goodwill and gagement ensure that casualties in any future outhreak will be higher than the 1,600 Pales-tinians injured last week.

concrete blocks. Israeli jourco-operation - qualities which nalists yesterday successfully are both in short supply in Mr fought off an attempt by the Netanyahu's government. Several Jewish religious sites, army to stop them entering notably Joseph's Well and Palestinian autonomous ento Bethlehem yesterday—would claves. Ostensibly this was for lead to the 40,000 Palestinian Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem

pictures of Palestinian areas during the Washington summit. The Oslo Accords created a jigsaw of conflicting Palestinian

which relies on Israeli crews for

massive walls of reinforced concrete rising around it.

All local shops are shut, but even if they were open they would have no customers because nobody is being allowed in or out of Bethlehem.

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Given that the Palestinian police have stopped all demon-. strations, the prevention of travel within the West Bank by Israel is a form of collective punishment for all Palestinians. Justified by Israel as a response to violence, the closure is self-

more bloodshed.

road, once a small shrine with

a sarcophagus, now looks like a fortified military outpost, with

Clinton's gamble on peace

DAVID USBORNE

Only weeks from the US presidential elections, which constituency will be watching the peace summit with more fascination than any other? And to which group will the White House be looking for its reaction to the outcome? The answer, on both counts, is the

American Jewish community. It would seem to be a risky tactic for President Bill Clinton to invite Benjamin Netanyahu to a meeting at which he is like-ly nut just to get the blame for last week's rioting but also to come under pressure to offer concessions. While the rightwing elements of American Jewry, whose strongholds are in the eastern boroughs of New York, will inevitably condemn Mr Clinton, most American Jews might support him.

The White House might take heart from an advertisment placed yesterday by the Israel Peace Forum that claimed that, over and above any loyalty to Mr Netanyahu, most American Jews are more interested in saving the peace

The advertisement cites an opinion poll suggesting that 81 per cent of American Jews support the peace process as launched by the Oslo agreements. The same poll suggested that 67 per cent of American Jews favour US aid to the Palestinian Authority and that 63 per cent support the creation of a

Palestinian state. That is why President Clinton's initiative to safeguard and sustain the peace process, sealed on the White House lawn three years ago, is so cru-cial," the forum said. While liberal Jews in the US were widely disappointed by the election of Mr Netanyahu lasi May, most have opted to give him the benefit of the doubt as regards commitment to the peace process. After last week, the same Jews, who are overwhelmingly well disposed to Mr Clinton, might not object to fulfilling in that the resentment some tougher-than-usual treat-it creates will certainly lead to ment of the Israeli leader in the White House.

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EU shows its anger at Israel

SARAH HELM

In its strongest criticism of Israel since the Oslo accords, the Eurupean Union implicitly warned yesterday that Israel's economic ties with Europe could be jeopardised by further breaches of the peace deal, particularly over Jerusalem.

A statement by EU foreign ministers made it clear that Europe's ties with Israel – as with other countries in the region are based on "common commitment to the peace process".

The EU signed a far-reaching trade-association agreement with Israel last year, granting the country wide access to EU markets, funding for research and cultural and social links. The last time Israel was made

subject to any form of economic sanctions was when the previous United States administration withheld loan guarantees due to the continued building. of illegal Jewish settlements. While resisting an open threat of sanctions, the EU statement clearly signalled rising anger. stating: "In this context it (the EU] calls on Israel to give clear practical demonstration of its confirmed intention to implement fully the agreements already reached with the PLO."

The foreign ministers' statement criticised Israel's failure to implement the Oslo accords and attacked the "disproportionatc use of force" last week. It called on Israel "urgently" to keep its commitment to withdraw troops from Hebron, refrain from settlements and annexation of land, and end the Jerusalem, unless "physically closure of the occupied terri- prevented from doing so.

tories. The most stinging rebuke was reserved for Israel's intenlegal annexation of Arab East Jerusalem, manifested in the excavations under the al-Aqsa mosque which led to last week's violence. It made it clear that the tunnel should be "restored to its original state".

Israel occupied the east side of the city in 1967. United Nations resolutions have condemned the annexation as illegal but Israeli propaganda has weak-ened international criticism. Yesterday's EU statement appeared to attempt to return to the 1967 consensus on the status of East Jerusalem, referring explicitly to it as "occupied territory".

The EU also said that the Palestinians of East Jerusalem enjoy the human-rights protections afforded them as inhabitants of "occupied territories" under the Fourth Geneva Convention. The convention states that nothing should be done by the occupying force in alter the status of the lands until their final status is decided.

The EU statement said:" The European Union recognises that the recent incidents were precipitated by frustration and exasperation at the absence of any real progress in the Peace Process and firmly believes that the absence of such progress is the root of unrest."

Speaking after the meeting, Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, insisted EU foreign ministers who visit Jerusalem later this month would call on the Palestinian leadership in Orient House, in Arab East

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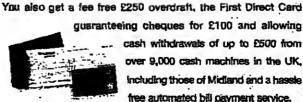
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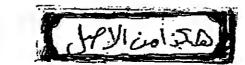
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Multi-Media: Information and TV revolutions open new possibilities in Lebanon, Japan and US

Satellite samurai set for TV battle

RICHARD LLOYD PARRY

If exclamation marks and wacky spellings were a guarantee of success, then PerfecTV. Japan's first digital smellite television service. would have no cause for worry.

Apart from conventionally named news and film stations. the 57 channels inaugurated at the service's commercial launch yesterday included PerfecTODAY!, Access!, Star-KaraOK! and Fighting TV Samurai! Subscribers can supplement BBC World Service



Rupert Murdoch: Beaming into the Japanese TV market

TV. and news in Korean and Chinese, with DigiCube ("Youth trendy information"), Oki Doki ("Internationalian entertainment"), and a motoring channel, bafflingly called V60π DoN/itifx10 .

But the air of frantic lightheartedness suggested by PerfecTV's programming is misleading, for the new service, which is backed by some of Japan's biggest companies, including Toyota and Mitsui, will

soon have a battle on its hands. Within the next year, its monopoly will be hroken by bigger and more ambitious competitors, such as DirecTV which is backed by Matsushita and Hughes Electronics, the US giant. Also in the ring is a man who until this year was hardly known in Japan

Rupert Murdoch.
"We have to gain as many viewers as possible hefore DirecTV and Mr Murdoch start to take a lead. I think that's the only choice for us," said Hiroto Kasahara, the president of PerfecTV, at the launch of the service this week.
DirecTV will provide about

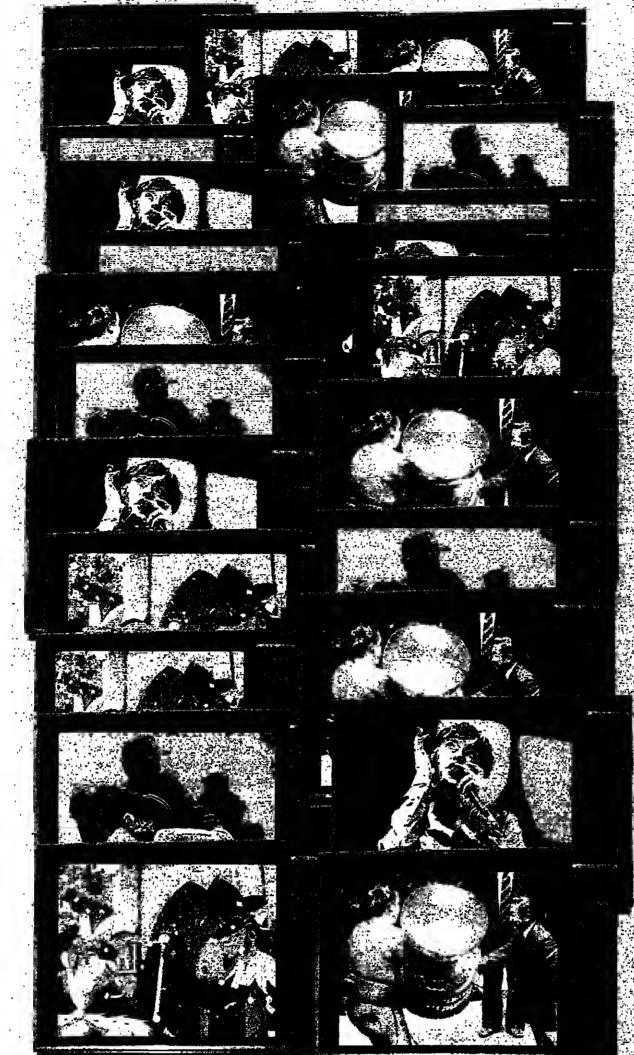
100 channels from next year. Mr Murdoch's JSkyB, a joint undertaking with the Japanese software mogul, Masayoshi Son, will offer about 150 channels. Though digital satellite television is already available in several régions, including Europe and North and South America, the Japanese market could be set for the most explosive growth of all.

The competition between the new services will be a nov-elty in Japan, which has a pop-ulation of 125 million but, like Britain, a relatively small numher of terrestrial stations, alongside analogue satellite and cable. By the time all three of the new services are available next year, the number of choices will have skyrocketed. Subscribers to PerfecTV pay

about 50,000 yen (£300) for the necessary satellite dish and receiver set, and a monthly subscription of ¥1,900 upwards. The company claims to have sold 80,000 receivers, and aims to reach 300,000 people by the end of the year.

But the technology which has brought about the boom will soon form the focus of the competition. Unlike a conventional analogue signal, digital satellite broadcasts "compress" images and data, allowing a far greater number of channels, and a lower cost.

At the moment, subscribers require a separate dish and receiver for each service. Negotiations are currently under way to adopt a single dish - and, if PerfecTV and Mr Murdoch tie up the agreement which they are rumoured to be reaching, the outlook for their com-



petitor will be far from perfec. Vanishing point: Satellite technology is set to take over television screens around the world, giving viewers more choice

Washington to end export ban on cipher code

DAVID USBORNE

The White House appeared set yesterday to announce pro-posals to lift a ban on the export of advanced software designed to scramble sensitive data transmitted hetween Internet users.

The announcement would end four years of often fractious debate between the Clinton administration, which has been anxious to curb the sale ahroad of data-scrambling or encryption software, and the US computer industry, which has complained that the controls have lost it important markets.

As the Internet grows in importance, companies are in-creasingly using it to transmit information that they would also like to keep secret. The encryption software allows users to translate messages into code that will remain impenetrable to everyone except those to whom

they are addressed.
The dilemma for the US government, however, is that such technology could also hand a formidable weapon to terrorists and international crime rings. With encryption, they could transmit information around the world without fear

The deal expected to be offered in an executive order from President Bill Clinton would give the green light to US companies to export advanced encryption products. However,

the companies would be obliged to ensure that the coding 'keys" required for unscrambling data must be deposited

with a third party where they could be available to police. The keys, which would be sur-rendered only on production of a court order, could be of up to 56 computer "hits". Currently, US companies are only allowed to export much cruder encryption products for which the keys need be only up to 40 bits long. An experienced hacker with state-of-the-art equipment can crack 40-hit encryption in 17 minutes.

The White House considers the proposal a reasonable compromise between the needs of law enforcement and the concerns both of the computer in-dustry itself and of right-to-privacy advocates. Several large computer companies, including IBM, arc believed to support the plan.

"I think there are some companies who are not going to vomit all over this and there are some who will," an industry source said. "Some companies oppose any kind of key recovery system as a condition for exporting products."

A White House source told

the New York Times: "It is going to take a while to persuade people that their data is safe under this system and that it protects privacy, ar d yet that we can ists or drug dealers."

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How to turn the key to privacy

ELIZABETH WINE

Encryption sounds complicated, but is merely a dressed-up version of the secret codes that cloak-and-dagger types have used since Roman times. Plaintext, or ordinary language, is put into ciphertext, which is any kind of combination of letters and numbers.

Ciphertext can be encoded and decoded with two kinds of "keys": synchronous and asynchronous. With synchronous codes, the same key used to put encode is used to decode. A key is a long string of numbers and it is used by a mathematical algorithm to unlock the code. Asynchronous codes use

public and private keys. The same keys can't be used to lock and unlock a message. Everyone using a particular computer system has their own public and private keys. Public keys could be known by many peo-



ple. Private keys are known

Lebanon pulls plug on rampant 'coat-hanger' piracy

JAN MILLICHIP

"When the war in Lehanon ended, the war between the TV stations began," said Ali Jaber, managing director and chief executive officer of the Sunni Muslim television station Future TV Since the Lebanese Broadcasting

Corporation (LBC) was launched in 1985 as a mouthpiece for the Christian Phalangist movement, hreaking the 27-year monopoly of the state channet, Tele Liban, Lebanon has become the launch pad for anyone with a cout-hanger and a satellite dish to set up their own television station.

All that is now coming to an end in theory. On to September, the Lebanese government agency approved four national broadcast licences, ending 10 years of channel explosion and rampant piracy which made Lehanon the Wild West of the broadcasting world. The following

day, the Prime Minister, Rafiq al-Hariri, endorsed the decision and banned more than 100 renegade radio stations and somewhere between 38 and 57 pirate TV stations. which serve the country's 3.4 million population. They have until November to close down.

Although most of the larger stations have developed into sophisticated and commercial husinesses, most started from partisan roots. The latest decision gives each of the major religious and political factions a piece of the audio-visual pie. Three of them have been operating illegally for up to 10 years: Future TV, a station part-owned by Mr Hariri: LBC, Lebanon's leading commercial broadcaster; and MTV, an Orthodox Christian station owned by the estranged brother of the deputy prime minister, Michel al-Murr. The only start-up station to have its applica-

tion accepted is NBN, set up by the

Shia leader, Nabih Berri. But the story does not end here. The decision to slash hack the media has caused a storm of protest among opposition leaders who accused Mr Hariri of curbing press freedom. Most vocal among these is the Hizbollah-backed station Manar TV, which, against expectations, did not receive a licence.

Manar TV is the fifth-largest station in Lebanon in terms of revenue. Mohammed, a producer, says the station is no longer owned by Hizbollah; it is now sponsored by the party. "The station is the voice of the Islamic resistance," he said. "Manar TV talks about the poor people and their problems, and because it represents a great party, they can tell the truth ... The way to free our country is to tell the Islamic resistance to free it from the Israeli army." Rather than upset the delicate po-

litical balance, Mr Hariri granted

Manar special dispensation to con-



Rafiq al-Hariri: Banned renegade radio and pirate TV stations tinue broadcasting without a licence

"as long as Israel occupies Lebanese lands". It was a smart fudge. But this

mandate was revoked on 20 Sep-

tember when the cahinet responded

to opposition protests, and reconsidered licence applications. As a result the government imposed a news hlackout on Manar, until the Council of Ministers meets today. Given their track record, it is unlikely many of Lebanon's other renegade stations will go quietly. Last year delegates from the Motion Pictures Association of America

(MPAA) travelled to Lebanon to shut down a station called Kilikia, after its owner was discovered buying the latest Hollywood movies from the local video store and rebroadcasting them. As soon as the MPAA left, he started again, claiming to be resisting American imperialism. This rally of U-turns and contra-

dictions is typical of the past two years, during which Mr Hariri has attempted to push through a media Bill to out an end to piracy, limit political interference and legislate for satellite expansion. Last year he

sold his majority stake in Future TV. and passed a law in May restricting any individual from owning more than 10 per cent of a station. "The Prime Minister has a real obsession with trying to make the ownership of Future TV a model," said Ali

Jaber, of Future. The big three stations have spent the past year shaping up for the new law. "Everyone has had a year to pre-pare for the changes," said Pierre El Daher, the president of LBC, which now has a 50 per cent market share, and has invested \$17m (£11m) in new equipment this year.

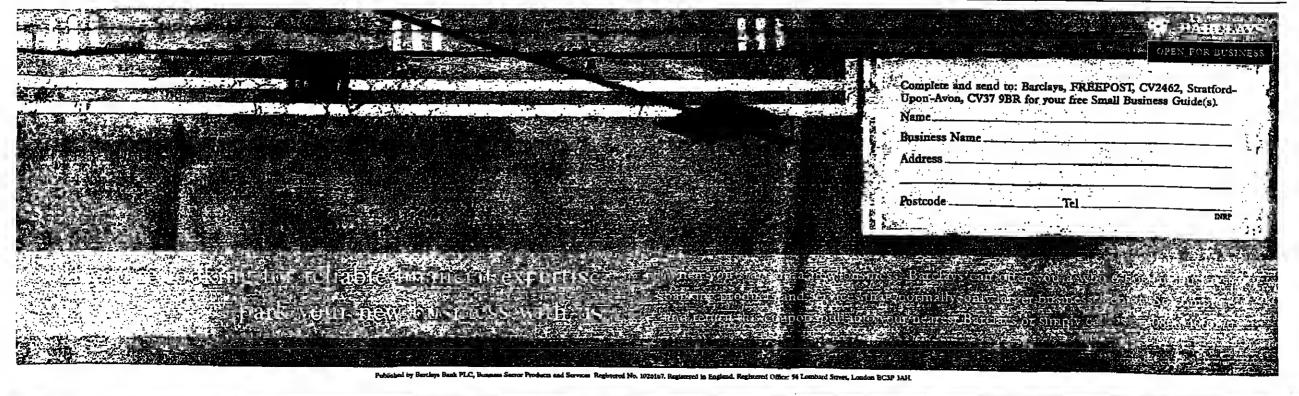
To compensate for the loss of its monopoly, the state broadcaster Tele Liban received a 16-year tax holiday. It has spent \$9m on equipment, and has pumped much of its programme hudget into its soap opera. The Tempest Always Rises Twice.

International expansion through satellite is the next step. During the

Israeli invasion in April this year, the largest stations (LBC, Future TV, Tele Liban, MTV, New TV) put aside their commercial and political differences in order to produce joint satellite news broadcasts, LBC has since circumvented the satellite law. which has been delayed in parliament, by uplinking its new satellite channel, LBC SAT, from Rome. Meanwhile, Future TV unofficially went on air this summer, using part of a satellite leased to Lebanon's Ministry of Information.

retly believes that vested interests will ensure that Lehanon's media Bill is never fully ratified. Not that this will prevent any of the stations expanding their businesses. Entrepreneurial rigour is the signature of Lebanese TV. Today's judgment on the future of the Hizbollah-backed Manar may muffle the voice of Islamic resistance. But not for long.

Fouad Naim, of Tele Liban, sec-



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Let us look first at his conservatism.

Last year, Blair sounded positively

Kennedy-esque about the future, hail-

ing Britain as "the young country". This

sturdiness formed the Prime Minister. The similarities only begin there. Blair talked admiringly of striving small husinessmen and successful engineering companies in ways that one would bave once characterised as the classic internal market in the National Health

Rise in crime

is not just

in the mind

Sir: I am surprised to see Polly

Toyobee (article, 25 September) repeat the old argument that the increase in crime is largely a myth.

It is inadmissible to suggest that because the homicide rate in 1857 is similar to that of today that there

bas been no change in the level of

violence. This misses out the great trough in between. Given great

techniques it should decline even

The flattening of the bomicide

statistics since the mid-Seventies

that she reports mystifies me. In

the last five years of the Seventies

the rate was 9.6 per million; in the

last five years recently it has been

Polly Toynbee repeats the

familiar argument that only a

violent and the vast majority is

against property; hence fear of crime is disproportionate,

Widespread crimes such as

bullying are not picked up in the

as frequent as property crimes and

women have only a little less chance of suffering violence than

To suggest, as Polly Toynbee

does, that women are irrational in

their fears is ironic: of course, after

taking elaborate precautions they

suffer less crime than men; if they

acted like men they would suffer

Sir: How passionately I agree with

Polly Toynbee that most women

(particularly elderly ones) have a

grossly exaggerated idea of how

dangerous it is to walk the streets of

At 82 years old, I walk exactly

where I like at any hour of the

night. I travel home without a

qualm on the late-night tubes. I

have never suffered the smallest

your more timorous readers a

small piece of advice. If you find

yourself in a lonely street late at

threatened by a gang of young men, don't run away. Walk briskly

lowards them, with a hig smile on

your face, and ask them the way to

somewhere. It works like a dream.

Very often, the whole lot will

chatting all the way.

CELIA FREMLIN

London NW3

operational.

escort you to your tube station,

Sir: Both recently released sets of

crime statistics show an increase in

recorded crime. The Director

General of the prison service

crisis point as the prison

population rises. Additional

always been rejected by this

the individual of liberty at

promoting family values.

Great Yeldham, Essex

warns that his service is reaching

prisons cost millions of pounds to

The use of weekend prisons has

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government. As well as depriving

weekends, it would allow a person

to remain in employment and in

their family, thereby fulfilling the

Government's stated aim of

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However, I would like to offer

Professor JOCK YOUNG Head of Centre for Criminology Middlesex University

London after dark.

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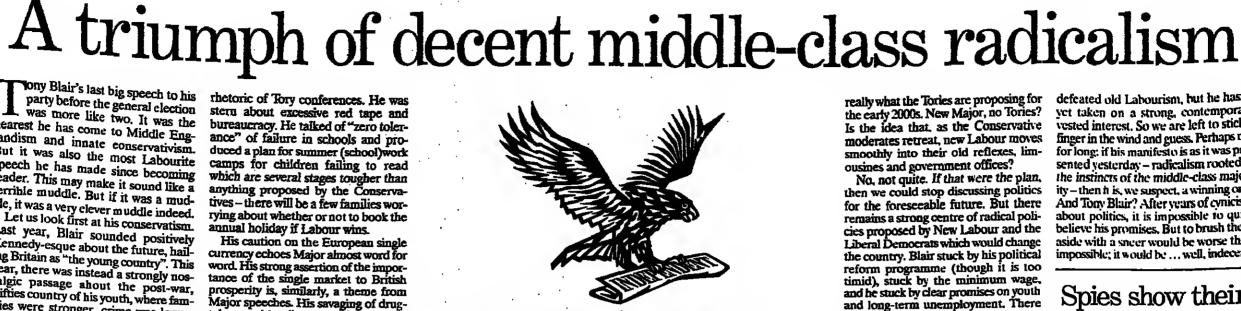
given a constant rate of violent

advances in resuscitation

ony Blair's last big speech to his party before the general election was more like two. It was the bureaucracy. He talked of "zero tolernearest he has come to Middle Engbureaucracy. He talked of "zero tolerance" of failure in schools and prolandism and innate conservativism. But it was also the most Labourite duced a plan for summer (school)work speech he has made since becoming camps for children failing to read which are several stages tougher than terrible muddle. But if it was a mudanything proposed by the Conserva-tives - there will be a few families wordle, it was a very clever muddle indeed. rying about whether or not to book the annual holiday if Labour wins.

His caution on the European single currency echoes Major almost word for word. His strong assertion of the importance of the single market to British prosperity is, similarly, a theme from Major speeches. His savaging of drugtakers and hooligans was fiercer than the Prime Minister's normal language on the subject. His promise of a new service contract for consumers of state services sounded strangely like Major's Citizen's Charter. Oh yes, and Blair's most evocative soundbite, "the decent society", used the word most often associated with the Prime Minister. If the Tories can steal "moral government" from Labour, it seems, then Labour can take "decency" from Major.

That summing-up suggests an aggressively conservative speech, squarely aimed at middle-class England. It is no distortion. But there was another half of the speech which seemed to tilt the other way. In it, Blair defended union rights as human rights; derided the



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Service; staunchly defended the minimum wage and comprehensive education, and generally went out of his way to sound more sympathetic to gut Labour instincts than be has before.

The Labour Party is a sentimental party, and Blair has not been a generally sentimental or highly emotional speaker. But he was both yesterday, harking back to Jack Jones's service in the International Brigades and praising the loyalty of those party members who bad stuck by Labour throughout the grim years. The audience loved it.

Something for everyone, then? Yes,

which may very well win Blair the election and keep him in power for many years. Those aspects of Majorism which Blair and his team are highlighting decency, patriotism, conservative instincts about law and order, education and family life - are the most popular, least threatening parts of old Torydom. But they are also being overshadowed in the Conservative Party by its civil war and the rise of a harder, more aggressive new right, welfare-slashing agenda. It is as if, in some respects, Blair is tacitly acknowledging Major's decency because Major has already lost his hut there is a political logic at work party to wilder men - and is no longer

really what the Tories are proposing for the early 2000s. New Major, no Tories? Is the idea that, as the Conservative moderates retreat, new Labour moves smoothly into their old reflexes, limousines and government offices?

No, not quite. If that were the plan, then we could stop discussing politics for the foreseeable future. But there remains a strong centre of radical policies proposed by New Labour and the Liberal Democrats which would change the country. Blair stuck by his political reform programme (though it is too timid), stuck by the minimum wage. and he stuck by clear promises on youth and long-term unemployment. There was a genuine centre-left programme

hidden in there, too. But will it occur? Will Blair's radical streak and his energetic enthusiasm for change, triumph over his equally striking conservatism and mild patriotic nostalgia? Take a very small but interesting example - Blair's pledge that, regarding the National Lottery. "I want the people's money to go on the people's priorities". If he's serious about it, then that is very bad news for, say, the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. Yet, as we reported last week in our series on the New Establishment, its governors are one of the most powerful cabals in the nation. Will Blair trample them or will be be seduced?

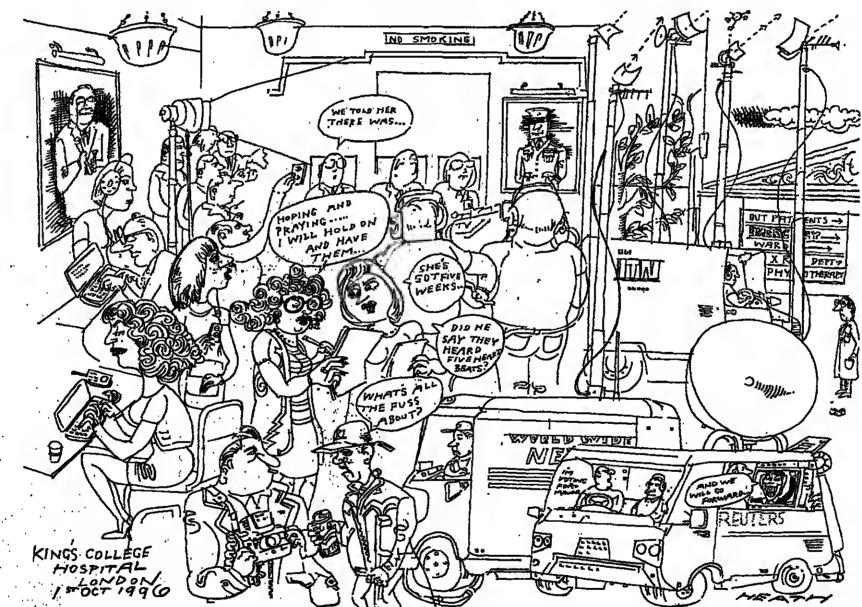
We cannot know. He has not had the chance to show us. He has taken on and

defeated old Labourism, but he hasn't yet taken on a strong, contemporary vested interest. So we are left to stick a finger in the wind and guess. Perhaps not for long: if his manifesto is as it was presented yesterday - radicalism rooted in the instincts of the middle-class majority - then h is, we suspect, a winning one. And Tony Blair? After years of cynicism about politics, it is impossible to quite believe his promises. But to brush them aside with a sneer would be worse than impossible; it would be ... well, indecent.

Spies show their intelligence

The American government says it will L allow exports of computer software for encoding data - rendering it unreadable by third parties - provided com-panies deposit "keys" giving it access to the encryption methods in an emergency. It sounds like a restraint of trade, but it is one that history sanctions. Yesterday, the Public Record Office opened files on the traffic to and from Moscow from Soviet agents deep inside Western atomic weapins programmes during the Second World War and after. They remind us how vital was "sigint" - intelligence derived from communications. Are things so different in our post-Cold War circumstances? No.

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •



Michael Heath's Britain: Waiting for news of Mandy Allwood

Path to peace in the Middle East

Sir: Many Jews are appalled at the way the Israeli-Palestinian crisis is endangering the whole peace process which was developing between Israel and many sections of the Arah world.

Only three months ago Israel's prime minister, Shimon Peres, and his government were working with wide international support to advance the peace process. Now, after three months of a Likud-led government, this progress is rapidly becoming a memory of what could have been. We are witnessing a breakdown of all that was so painstakingly achieved under the

Madrid and Oslo agreements. There is too much at stake for . those of us abroad - as well as Israelis and Palestinians - seeking Jewish-Arab reconciliation to remain silent. The Israel government and Palestinian Authority must make whatever mutual concessions are needed, so that bloodshed can be halted and political relationships be rebuilt.

Suggested immediate action: 1. Close Jerusalem's Hasmonean tunnel until there is mntnal Jewish-Muslim agreement.

2 Palestinian police to stop firing on Israeli troops.
3. Israeli troops to withdraw from Palestinian autonomous

4. Re-establish joint Israeli-Palestinian patrols, with joint boundary checkpoints. 5. Agreement to redeploy troops in Hebron to be implemented

promptly. 6. Agreement on further troop redeployment in the "West Bank" to be implemented

7. Suspend plans for further Jewish settlements in the "West

8. A firm start date for negotiations on a permanent Israel-Palestine settlement, including Jerusalem and

Palestinian self-government. Anxious Diaspora Jews, like millions of Israelis and Palestinians. urge such an agenda now. REGINALD FREESON

Sir: Objections to Israeli attempts to reinforce sovereignty over Jerusalem by archaeological operations are not confined to Palestinians. In 1978, Unesco passed a resolution deploring the excavations. This led to American criticism that the organisation was becoming too "politicised", one of the reasons for US (and British) withdrawal. Professor CHARLES HUGHES Felixstowe, Suffolk

Geldof heading for second halo

Sir: All Boh Geldof has to do to bring "the rights of wronged father to public attention" ("Geldof becomes fathers' champion", 30 September) is to keep on telling the world how much he loves his children, regardless of how much time he has managed to spend with them. A second halo, the one so commonly awarded to Good Fathers, will duly be conferred upon Saint Bob.

If, on the other hand, it can be shown that Paula has spent less than around 80 per cent of her time caring for her children, she will obviously qualify for tarring and feathering as a Neglectful Mother.

Go for joint custody, Paula. Look around and you will see that this normally pans out in such a way that the children are with mum for 95 per cent of the time, whether or not their dad belongs to a "profamily" pressure group. UNA FREELEY London N8

Burning of paper helps planet too

Sir: In his article promoting environmental realism ("Greenpeace, please grow upl", 26 September), Richard D North was himself guilty of peddling at least one mischievous piece of misinformation.

The statement "when it [the HED report] claims that recycling paper often will not be the best environmental option, while municipal incineration with energy recovery may well be" implies that the latter practice is not itself a valuable form of recycling.

Municipal incineration is environmentally beneficial in reducing fossil fuel demand as well as land-fill space, and still requires paper to be collected wherever possible. The message from the media should be that turning paper into more paper is only one form of recycling one substance, and that

the recycling of any others is, in principal, beneficial. Dr JAMES M R ORR

Kidney patients

Sir: It is not only patients with

recombinant medication because

of its expense ("Is it too much to ask that children with haemophilia

get the best and safest treatment?", 23 September).

A significant proportion of patients with chronic renal failure

also suffer with a severe anaemia

erythropoictin. This drug has the

potential to greatly improve the health and quality of life of a lot of

patients with renal failure, but it is

therefore being restricted in some

As with recombinant Factor

medicine we are addressing here,

medication that we would all want

our patients or loved ones to have.

VIII, this is not experimental

but safe, tried and tested

Action is needed.

Dr PADDY GIBSON

Adolf and I

Sir: Jo Brand, commenting on names (28 September), refers to

the suffering one goes through at school if landed with a ridiculous

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Adolf Hitler to hide a Swiss bank

(Letters, 9 September) the fact that

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Charity begins with junk mail

Sir: May I make a plea for some patience with charity appeals (Letters, 27 and 30 September)? We all complain about "junk mail", but the problem is that junk mail works! Let me assure you that charities

would not "waste" their valuable resources unless these mail shots were effective. They bring in money from the general public including from "repeat asks". It would be nice to think that all

charities had the sophisticated computer systems and high staffing levels required to ensure that when someone asks for fewer mailings than usual, that is precisely what they get. But they haven't. Can we reach a compromise?

When you get three appeals a year from a charity to whom you wish to donate annually – donate annually. Please, though, take a little time to learn more about the work that you are so generously supporting. For with each appeal comes information. Enjoy it! You never know ... the more you learn of the

problems alleviated by these charities, the more you may be tempted to give. FIONA BANATVALA Fundraising Manager Prison Reform Trust

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you know... Sir: It was heartwarming to read

It's not what

your account of the many successful state schools in our leafier regions ("If the state school is fine, why pay?", 26 September). What also needs to be stressed is the similarly outstanding record of many inner-city comprehensives in less fashionable locations.

My partner is the product of one such school. His excellent exam results enabled him to rise above his parents' expectations. Several years ago be founded his own practice and both he and his partners are innovative and hardworking. Yet so often prestigious accounts are "won" by companies with "old school tie" connections.

The real reason why so many parents opt for private education from the age of two-and-a-half has less to do with education than the social advantages. Connections are made and bonds are fnrged that can ease a person's passage through an increasingly

competitive world. My partner is not bitter, though certainly disillusioned. We both appreciate that there are excellent private schools and truly awful state schools in England, but while the "value-added" element of our class system continues to be ignored, equality of opportunity and genuine parental choice remain a farce. STELLA NORMAN London SN-72

Sir: I read of the dispute about the timescale for amending the A-level maths core content with disbelief ("Maths experts reveal divisinns

over curriculum", 27 September). Firstly, having participated in many syllabus revisions during 30 years' teaching, I have never known one which did not need a period of reflection to reveal missed interrelations. Have no such lessons been learnt from the national

curriculum?
Secondly, the new course has only just had its first students through to A-level - but some decisions on changes are going to be made on the basis of poor performance by university students who followed the old syllabuses and pre-national curriculum. Where is the wisdom in that?

We regularly clocked up 70 hours per week as we developed the new school course, and are just feeling that we have got the measure of the new exam's demand. The thought of further changes is daunting and could well lead to a further depletion in the number of experienced maths teachers in schools.

MARGARET E. POSTON London NI2 The writer is head of maths at a north London grammar school.

No lady

Sir: Marie Paterson (Letters, 1 October) has got it wrong. I will know I have lost my allure when my doctor stops calling me "old girl" and starts calling me "young lady". MAVIS KLEIN London NN3

Overcooked

Sir: Gordon Brown promises us that there will be "no cooked books" (report, 1 October). What will he do with the books he inherits, which he is likely to find have been burned to a crisp? JOHN WHITE Baldock, Hertfordshire

The truth about the Queen (but not her dogs)

Ben Pimlott. distinguished historian, tells **Paul Vallely** about his new biography of a monarch who has anchored Britain through stormy times. Serialised from tomorrow in The Independent, it describes a may yet save the Windsors from the threat of republicanism

country dream about the Queen coming to tea," says Ben Pimlott. "My mission

was to discover why."
Wasn't this an odd undertaking for a man who designates himself a left-wing historian? Not at all, he insists. "Every-

one is interested in the Queen. We all have a relationship with her - whether hostile, respectful or affectionate. When you have a subject that preoccupies the British public - to say noth-ing of the public in America and Japan - it's a historical phenomenon which is worthy of study regardless of whether

study regardless of whether monarchy is fashionable or decidedly out of fashion."

The story of the present monarch reflects key aspects of British culture through the late 20th century. Pimlott's impressive book is therefore more than a biography of an individual; it is an essay on an epoch.

ual; it is an essay on an epoch.
"People think that unless you have a fawning admiration for your subject you can't write a hiography," he adds defen-sively, "but it's possible to treat it clinically and objectively, like a surgeon with a patient."

He may rest assured. There is not much chance that the Queen will send him a note like the one Pimlott records the Duke of Edinburgh sending to the journalist Basil Boothroyd, who had written a gushing hiography of the consort. Proverbs 28:23," it said. "He who rehukes a man will afterward find more favour than he who flatters with his tongue."
"If she deigns to read it - and

orty per cent of I don't know if she will - I'd be people in this disappointed if some of her disappointed if some of her feathers weren't a bit ruffled," says Pimlott, "but I'd also hope that she'd recognise it as a seri-ous attempt to get to grips with her life and times."

There is no doubting the seriousness of the enterprise. The preface acknowledges the help of many courtly figures, including Princess Margaret, plus an array of courtiers and friends of the sovereign.

Did he talk to the Queen herself? "I don't want to say," he says coyly, and then, by way of correction, adds: "I'm not saying I did. But I spoke to a number of people who aren't listed in the preface and I don't want to narrow the field in terms of unnamed sources." Particularly so since there are countless intimate details about the regal character dotted

through the 600-page book. The harvest reveals the scale of Pimlott's effort. He began work in 1993, soon after fmishing his mammoth biography of Harold Wilson, which revived the tarnished reputation of the former Labour prime minister. That was his second biography (his first, of the post-war Labour politician Hugh Dalton, won the Whitbread prize).

"I started by reading all the secondary stuff. I had to be discriminating. There are more than 500 books on the royals; your brain would turn to porridge if you did more than open some of them - Our Princesses and Their Dogs, for example." There was also a mountain of

newspaper cuttings - "enough probably to fill Buckingham Palace". There is probably no



more has been written.

"Most of what you get in newspapers has a kernel of truth - but working out what is the true bit is the hard hit. The Palace doesn't comment and has its own way of being eco-nomical with the truth." The critical difference with his book, he insists, is what he left out: "I've tried to stick closely to

His 85 interviews with those close to the Queen have ensured there is no shortage of that. Buckingham Palace co-operated. They were very helpful much more so than I had reason to suppose they would be." He was given access to the royal archives at Windsor Castle, and permission to access the royal files at the BBC, which are not generally open to scholars. "The Palace even sent letters to peo-ple I wanted to interview telling them: "We've no objection to you talking to this chap."

The result is a host of telling details about the little princess who was only allowed to play with one toy at a time and per-mitted to visit only one panto a year, whom the Archbishop of Canterbury found leading the King on all fours by the beard, and yet who at bedtime was required to walk backwards

living individual about whom out of the same grandfather's more has been written.

out of the same grandfather's presence with the words: "I trust your Majesty will sleep well." There was the II-year-

old's charming schoolgirl composition (though she never in fact went to school) dedicated "To Mummy and Papa, From Lilibet, By Herself", setting out her impressions of her father's coronation. There was the young woman

who, soon after meeting a young Greek prince named Philip, began endlessly to play on the gramophone the record of "People Will Say We're In Love" from Oklahoma.

There was the chatterbox who would not let the portraitist Annigoni paint in silence. There was the irreverent giggler who recalled how hard it was to keep a straight face at the dress rehearsal for the Arthurian pantomime of her son's investiture because the crown was too big "and extinguished him like a candle-snuffer".

There was the middle-aged woman who woke to find an intruder, Michael Fagan, sitting on her bed pouring out his troubles to her and talking "the usual sort of bilge that people talk to me on walkabout". There were the countless letters from the dress designer Hardy Amies's trunk, many of them tart complaints about the size

'It has been like digging up

Hittite tomb and piecing together the fragments of pot-tery found there," says Pinlott. The overall impression which emerges, I tell him, is of an intelligent, straightforward, down-to-earth woman with a surprising sense of humour and a considerable gift for mimicry. "Good," he says. "I'm pleased."

he changes the book recounts are an index of how rapidly our times have changed. The social world in which Princess Elizabeth met her husband-to-be is unrecognisable. Philip was like a character out of a wartime Evelyn Waugh novel," Pimlott says. "He had ability, intelligence, charm and chutzpah, was the nephew of the reigning monarch in Greece, was connected to all the royal families of Europe, but he was thought unsuitable." It was not just that he had absolutely no money and was seen as a genial sponger. He was seen as a German - his dynastic name was Schleswig Holstein-Sonderburg-Glücksburg - and was thought unedu-cated and unpolished. He was oot an old Etonian in a group

where almost everybody else was. Gordonstoun was seen as a "socialist" school.

The rate of political change is evident from Pinlott's revelations of the contrasting machinations to which the the resignations of various prime ministers - Churchill, Eden and Macmillan - and the manocuvrings surrounding the coming to power of the minority Labour government in 1974.

Britain is a harsher society now than it was 30 years ago, but the old political caste system with its sense that some people are genetically superior - which was still operating as recently as Macmillan's time, is no longer

place," Pimlott says. In public life, there has been a complete revolution. "Thirty years ago, it was not permissi ble to impersonate any monarch since Victoria on the stage, and in newspapers it was almost impossible not to write anything not admiring." Now the Royal Family is routinely mocked in the name of entertainment and "no self-respecting journalist could turn in a story about royalty that did not have a sting in

In all that shifting sand, Pimlott's thesis is that the Queen has been a rock of stability: she has

taining the unity of the Commonwealth in the face of hostility to the organisation from Margaret Thatcher when she was prime minister; and she has played "an important constitu-tional role in moderating the excesses of Thatcherism", says Pimlott. Of which more tomorrow, when the secialisation of Pimlott's book begins in The Independent. "It is hard to quantify, but if you get an overween-ing PM it's useful to have an institution that can in the subtless

had a decisive influence in main-

of ways indicate reservation.
"It is the great irony of the Queen's reign. Nobody could conceivably regard her as a radical and yet the most obvious reservations she expressed were against the loony right rather than the loony left, which constitutionalists had always supposed was the threat against which the monarchy was a residual check and balance in our elective dictatorship."

He is talking not just about the Thatcher administration. The evidence is that the Queen attempted to exercise moderating influences over British policy on Suez and the nation's repeated tendency slavishly to endorse US foreign policy.

His big criticism of the Queen is that when the prime ministership was passed from Harold Macmilian to Alec Douglas-Home "she allowed herself to be totally manipulated. She became so much of a pawn that the Tories had to change their sys-tem for choosing a leader. If that system hadn't been in place, it may be that Margaret Thatcher would never have succeeded."

Change one fact and the whole kaleidoscope of history would collapse. Pimlott. professor of contemporary history at Birkbeck College in the University of London, knows that, and he refrains from further speculation. "The trendy view is that the monarchy is irrelevant. I don't agree. The genetic lottery will produce a bad monarch from time to time, but that isn't the point."

The real point is the subtle role that the monarchy plays as part of the checks and balances of the British constitution. This aspect of the monarchy was evident in the Thatcher era, and could again play a sig nificant role in the event of a hung parliament. Such political realities, he believes, will obviate the move to republicanism which is now canvassed with such facility among the old left and the new right.

"The monarchy can't go against the democratic system, hut they have the advantage that they're not part of it; they don't have to court popularity like politicians do, so they don't act with the same interests.

"It's enormously healthy that there should be a debate about the monarchy. I don't think that there is the crisis which some people make out, but in our understanding of ourselves as a nation we have to understand the institution. I hope the book helps with that."

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I wanted answers; they wanted the cash



Miles Kington

would like to come clean and admit it. I have been paying money

to politicians in order to get them to say certain things.

I have been handing over money to politicians to persuade them to stand up in the House and make certain statements.

But not to ask questions. To utter answers. To utter certain answers which all of us want to hear uttered in the House of

And I am prepared to

women here, now and today!
I have, for instance, offered sums of money to Mr Major (and before him to Mrs Thatcher) for them

to get up at Prime Minister's Question Time and say:-"I propose to rename this session Prime Minister's Answer Time, for the very simple reason that this time, as every time, I intend to pay no attention to the questions

asked, but only to the answers which I have brought along to deliver to the questions, whatever those questions may be." I have offered money to

the Leader of the Opposition to get up at any time and say:-"For far too long have I opposed every policy of the

Government simply on the grounds that I have been made Leader of the Opposition. Sometimes the Government has good ideas.
At any rate, sometimes the Government does exactly what we would do if we were in power. On all these occasions in the past I have! heckled and booed this action, simply to express

recognise that it is as bad to oppose everything that the Government does as to no response from my support it all, and that the automatic division of

politicians into goodies and baddles is a poor way to run a country, not to say infantile. Therefore, on this particular occasion I would like to say that the Government has taken the right action, and I would have dooe the same thing."

I have also offered money to the leadership of the Liberal Democrats to get up in the House and say:-"I think it is high time that

the Liberal Democrats gave up pretending that we are here to prepare for govern-ment. The Lib Dems are here merely to provide a diversionary tactic. Having established which, I'd now like to sing a song for you all, a little song entitled, 'She was only an MP's daughter. but she knew how to hang on to her seat ... "

No, I am not ashamed to admit that I have offered money to all these people to make certain answers in the

none of them has actually done anything about it. For instance, I have had

generous offer to Michael Howard for him to stand up

"By increasing the number of people in prison and reducing the funds available for the Prison Service, I have created all the conditions for an enormous explosion in Britain's jails and it will be interesting to see how catastrophically wrong I will be proved in uttering my knee-jerk slogan 'Prison works! Rest assured that however wrong I am proved, I will admit nothing and manage to blame it all on someone else as usual."

I have had no response from Mr Michael Heseltine m answer to my offer of a hiank cheque in return for his simple statement:-"I promise never again to appear on Radio 4's Today

programme unless I have mething new to say." Nor indeed have I had an answer to the same offer

made to Douglas Hurd,

Harman, and many others. Nor have I had an answer from William Waldegrave in response to the speech I have offered him money to

"I now recognise that the Scott report did make me out to be a wide-eyed innocent on the political stage, and that if I had been less of one I might have noticed before now. And, yes, I have from time to time been duplicitous."

Nor do I seem to have had any luck with my offer to Neil Hamilton, to whom I have sent a bulky and generously furnished brown envelope containing (among other things) a small statement I wanted him to make to the effect that The. Guardian was a good and

reliable newspaper.
In fact, as I have had such little success with all these politicians, I now intend to stop influencing politics for the good of the country.

I just wish that more than a few of the people I attempted to influence unsuccessfully, had bothered to send the money back.

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Blair scores a hit as prime minister in waiting

ony Blair repaid his debt to the Labour Party in his conference address at Blackpool yesterday. It's conventional to say that the leader's speech is directed not at the audience in the hall but through the television cameras to the wider public beyond. And, of course, that's the imperative. But as Blair recognised yesterday, the party mat-

ters, too.

The hrilliance of the speech was that - faced with the familiar dilemma of whether to massage the party or to appeal directly to the voters in Middle England – he did both. It was not just gratitude, although he certainly owes much to his party. He also knows the party is the only instrument he has to make victory certain. To maximise the effort by every delegate to knock on millions of doors in council estates and villages and suburbs and get the vote out, he had to overcome their latent anxieties about what he would do with power.

Largely, he succeeded. The party understands, better perhaps than some of the floating voters it has to win over, that he cannot spell out to them everything he wants to do with-out the risk of blowing the election. And after yesterday they seemed prepared to trust his subliminal message that he would be a far more radical prime minister than he appears

Blair did not kowtow to party members; but his message to them was Labour policy. But the conference loved it. that he knows that their trust - first in electing him, then in allowing him to transform the party – has now put him within reach of being prime minister. It was there in the repeated references to the victories of 1945 and 1964, while much of what Blair has written suggests that he regards Asquith's victory in 1906 as a more congenial parallel. It was there in the homage to the Labour campaigners against Apartheid. It was there in the lavish praise for John Prescott and Robin Cook. And it was there in his affecting reference to Jack Jones' heroism as an International Brigade volunteer on the Ebro during the Spanish Civil War.

This last perhaps is especially appropriate: to many of the younger Blairites, Jack Jones represents the most Jurassic elements of old Labour. They forget that he spent two long vears trying to sustain a creaking Labour 2 ernment's counter-inflation policy in the mid-Seventies and that he wants a Blair victory as much as they do. The straightest of men. Jones has striven to reach an accord on pensions that would head off a damaging split today. And it was there, above all, in the pointed recognition that "this party only survived for new members to join because the old members stuck with it through thick and thin".

The fact that Blair was also able to appeal to the aspiring C2 voter, polishing his Ford Sierra - whom Thatcher stole from Labour in 1979 - was sweetened even for the most uncertain delegates by the thrill of approach-



Donald Macintagre

The party seemed prepared to trust Blair's subliminal message that he would be a far more radical PM than he appears

ing power. For Blair played the part of prime minister for the day, rehearsing the role that every member of his audience is now sure he will he playing for real in seven months' time. Promising anti-sleaze laws, announcing his performance contract for Britain and, above all, announcing that he would open immediate negotiations with European governments about how he would handle the British EU Presidency in 1998, he was the PM in waiting. At one point he even referred by mistake to "the Labour government today". If this was hubris, the conference loved it.

There was also something prime ministerial about what was in a curious way the central, winning, moment of the speech. There was no stunning news to match his decision to replace Clause IV in 1994. He didn'i, wisely, attempt to repeat the headline announcement he made last year that BT had agreed to wire up schools - an announcement that became more confusing the more you looked at it. Holding the ring between a shadow chancellor who wants to max-imise the chances of joining EMU, and a shadow foreign secretary who is deeply scepti-

cal, he gave nothing away on the single currency.

But he made the commitment to han handguns in the wake of Dunhlane sound like an executive decision. It isn't new. We know that the ban is

And not just because it provided the affecting moment of passion from a man who seldom shows it in public. It's possible that John Major will next week announce immediate action on the issue. Like all the best ideas, it is so stunningly obvious that it is hard to believe that a few mulish Tory MPs on the Home Affairs Committee got their party into such a muddle that Mr Major hasn't acted already. But nothing could better dramatise Labour as the party of the majority. Ordinary people across the whole spectrum of political opinion – the hand-gun lobby excepted – from Bennites to the law-and-order right want the ban.

But he also recognises that the alarms and excursions over the summer, from Clare Short to Roy Hattersley, were more than just undisciplined. They tapped into a real unease about oarly's uncom underided voter. Blair didn't agonise at all about including in his speech highly personal references to the painful lessons of his father's stroke. But he agonised long and hard about whether to include mentioning attending the funeral of that old Lahour stalwart Sam McCluskie. The story was a paradigm, in a way,

of Blair's relationship with his party.
"We didn't always see eye to eye," he told the conference vesterday. But they had both wanted the same thing-a hetter world. Blair persuaded his party - at least until polling daythat while they may not all see eye to eye, they do all want the same thing.

When MPs start taking the biscuits

by Andrew Marr

he humiliating col-lapse of the Neil Hamilton and Ian Greer libel case against The Guardian ought to reignite public anger about corruption in British politics. Up to now, we have tended to shy away from the word, preferring the vaguer, slithery term "sleaze". But for politicians to take envelopes stuffed with cash and work to order in the House of Com-

mons is corrupt.

Hamilton is portraying him-self as a hounded victim of vindictive press reporting, driven from justice by personal poverty. Looking in from the outside, he seems more like a bumptious corner-cutter disgraced by good,

old-fashioned journalism. How far does the damage spread in British politics? This has not been a case packed with heroes - Mohammed al Fayed, whose information gave *The* Guardian its story, was the man stuffing the MPs' envelopes, and we report this morning on Labour MPs who also took payments from Mr Greer, despite his reputation. But the most severe damage is to the Conservative Party, whose leader had been trying so hard to reclaim some moral high ground of late.

A trial, though, would have been worse. Hidden books and minutes would have been exposed. With the Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine and a galère of lesser Conservative Imminaries in the witness box, and day after day of evidence dominating news bulletins, it might well have helped finish Major's administration off in the most spectacular way.

Just when the Government had banked on beginning to really close the gap with Labour, using its own conference, the Queen's speech and the Budget, there would have been a serious risk of the Hamilton-Greer affair moving the polls the other way. Corruption has been out of the news; but there is no evidence that the public are less censorious when reminded of it.

lapse of the trial will cause similar damage to the Tory cause. It gave Tony Blair a gift yesterday in his combat with Mr Major for the mantle of morality. But one of the bleak truths of modern journalism is that the media's attention span is short: following a trail is impor-tant, but following a trial is so much easier. So, what follows? There will

be more revelations, f expect; an unpacking and unwinding of the Tories will emerge more



Hamilton was warmly supported throughout his bluster; there was rather a lot of 'there but for the grace of God ...'

quiet, hole-in-the-corner deals from years ago. The list of named MPs who have taken money for questions or lobbying ministers will grow. There will he, almost inevitably, an accumulation of small hut somebow particularly embar-rassing details – such as the image of MPs calling persis-tently for their envelopes from a company security man.

our essential information, which is that MPs acted as covert and paid messengerboys for commercial interests. recruited and organised by gobetweens calling themselves "consultants". This was what we knew before, when the Nolan committee was first recruited by the Prime Minister; hut now we have more proof, more detail.

If nothing more is done, then

damaged than Labour, but the real victim will be what remains of vigorous parliamentary democracy in Britain. Parliament's strongest support isn't in any constitutional textbook; it is the enthusiastic assent of the people. That has been enbing away, partly because of minor hut disturbing corruption. Nothing menacing, just a dull weariness and suspicion has our painoue for the Westminster way. If il were not thus, then the transfers of power to the European Union and the private sector

would not have been possible. And here is a funny thing: Mr Hamilton is a staunch Eurosceptic, forever fulminating in defence of British parliamentary sovereignty. Yet he and his like, by failing to observe private and previously unwritten understandings about acceptable public behaviour, have contributed to undermining it. So, unless one is an utter cynic about the parliamentary system, it barely needs saying that the reputation of the Commons must be protected against repetitions of these cases. Mr Major will surely say that this is all historical stuff, debris from the days before he and Lord Nolan's chaps cleaned up the

Commons quite enough to reassure us. The Nolan process resulted in two important changes. First, the "MP for hire" was outlawed: paid advocacy was banned. Second, Memhers were required to publish, within broad bands, their earnings as MPs from outside Interests. Though Mr Major himself was away on the night of the vote, 6 November last year, he fully supported the majority of

against the disclosure of carnings; it was carried only thanks to a far-sighted minority of Tory rebels who realised how deep the damage had been to Parliament.

These changes were indeed a big break with the past and regarded as unconstitutional by some Tory traditionalists. They argued that if you shackle MPs with such rules, and put them under the watchful eye of a parliamentary ombudsman, currently Sir Gordon Downey. then you reduce them to salaried, gelded nothings.

ft is a good; rather romanticsounding case: who would not prefer a Parliament of stalwart ndependents to an assembly of nervous order-takers? The truth, however, is that the 20thcentury refinement of the party system has already reduced the vast majority of MPs to loyal acquiescence under the whips. All the Nolan process did was to cut away some easy sources of income which were being ahused, and ohlige MPs to tell their constituents more about

who was paying for their time. The question now is whether the Hamilton affair, and the question-marks over nearly two ozen other MPs, mean that the Commons should go further. In practice, it is out of the question that the Conservative arty will. Even the mildest versions of Nolan reformism produced furious rebellions in the party; in its current fragile state, it is incapable of agreeing to any further changes.
So the burden passes to Tony

Blair and, perhaps, Paddy Ash-down. Coming from different traditions, and less in thrall to Burke, Dicey and other Westminster theorists, they would find it less hard than Tories to introduce yet tougher curbs. Yet even after Nolan, the

Commons remains essentially a club, whose members often the protect one another. Hamilton erwas warmly supported through- us out his bluster; there was rather 10 a lot of "there but for the grace lat-

Clubs are warm places, and § enjoyable no doubt. But they are very least, the rules need to be policed by a watchdog with first stronger powers than Sir Gor-field don. If not, there will be further and don. If not, there will be further MPs gaily taking the hiscuit; and the reputation of our most important institution will decline some more. Yet more regula-tions and officialdom at Westminster; fewer colourful characters. It is a somewhat dismai recommendation. But a duller Commons is infinitely prefer-Conservatives who voted able to a more corrupt one.

BOOK REVIEW

A modern Gin Lane

he general election draws near: the government smears ever more fatuous mendacity across the billboards. Labour struggles not to offend C2s, the Daily Mail, anyone at all - and Nick Danziger brings us a timely corrective. This book has its flaws, but it is nonetheless so important that every one of us should read it and weep. A journey through the world of Jarvis Cocker's Common People (who "watch their lives slide out of view, and dance and drink and screw, because there's nothing else to do") this is a chilling indictment of what we've let happen in the past two decades.

Fathers and sons race each other to abandoned properties in Newcastle: the fathers want to strip off anything salvageable. roof slates or window frames or copper piping, before their sons arrive and burn the place down. Vandals break into a Liverpool infants' school, mess the kids' puzzles into a pile, then crap on them. In Brighton one lad slurs to Danziger. "Think drugs, take drugs, eat drugs". He finds junkies shooting up in rural Suffolk, and a pregnant teenage mother in Cornwall smoking dope while her 18-month-old daughter batters her doll. He finds Glasgow mothers burying child after child, gone to jellies and smack, while the children that are still alive steal from them to buy their own road to an

This is a bleak terrain of forged money and bored kids, of lottery dreams and stabbings, of abuse by fist and needle. More than once Danziger senses the adrenalin shudder of being in a war zone: surrounded by feral children on desolate wasteland in Salford he writes, "I felt like carrion!" Broken dreams? These children He sometimes writes regional never had dreams to break. A accents rather uncertainly, and

Danziger's Britain: A Journey to the Edge

By Nick Danziger HarperCollins, £18

There are here 'so many sad stories it would bring tears to a glass eye'

homeless girl in Leicester, steadily fouling up on her probation, says mourafulty, "I just wish I had a better life than I had done". There are here, as one man says of Glasgow, "so many sad stories it would bring tears to a glass eye".

There are also stories of resilience in adversity, of priceless voluntary work and heroic selfhelp - but they're guttering candles in a dark waste of poverty. "Mum, don't die yet," a woman in South Wales fondly tells her senile mother as she props her up to feed her, "I can't afford the flowers." Or there's the girl in Suffolk going quietly off her head because she's on £22.10 a week (when the bus fare to Ipswich to sign on is £5.70 return) and they're telling her they'll cut it off if she doesn't do the same training course she's dune twice already. At every turn you feel the stress, the rage, the pain and

despair. Through these bitter scenes, Danziger's writing remains always fluent, lucid and humane.

I'd quibble with the seeming presumption of the title - but he's given us his Travels and Adventures already, so I suppose he's lumbered with that, and doubtless publishers want writers all to be brands these days anyway. Between the covers, however, this is prose without presumption or judgment, gathering the stories of the abandoned with a clear-

Unlike the stories themselves,

his occasional observations upon them are mostly unremarkable – but then, God knows, what's happened to great swathes of British society is obvious enough, if only anyone cared to look. I must say also that there are too many of these stories; an editor should have been more ruthless, not simply because it would have been a better book, but because, at 356 pages, fewer people will buy it than it deserves. The price, though justified by many exceltent photographs, will be a deter-rent too - but Tony Blair, for one, has £18 to spare, and he should spend it immediately. Every time I see him or Gordon Brown buttoning the lip on tax, I shall think

of the people in these pages. The other day, I took a friend back from a football game to her home in a broken ex-mining village in Yorkshire; we passed someone in an Everton shirt, and I wondered why they'd be wearing those colours round there. She looked at me like I was an idiot and said, "Probably going cheap, weren't it?"

And we forget, don't we? We forget all the people sacrificed on Mammon's altar these past harsh years, because it's easier that way. For providing us with this most potent reminder. Danziger deserves all praise, and the widest possible readership.

Pete Davies

Can Barbie turn into Maggie?

look at her client and booked some extra time on her meditation rock. She was bottle blonde, a bit plasticky around the edges and positively teetering on shoes that made her feet look bent.

For a moment, she panicked. Could it be Pammy seeking a change of image? But then, huge relief, Karan recognised an old friend. Barbie Millicent Roberts is 37, single, and

the most popular woman in the world, with sales figures that top six million each week. But Karan was more worried about another kind of figure: with measurements of 36-18-33, DK knew that there was no way she would ever have to design for a woman like this again.

Actually, researchers in Australia reveal that the chances of a human woman looking like a Barbie doll are about one in 100,000. If you think about it, this explains her popularity. Her friend Ken is less of a fantasy: "The probability is more realistic, at one in 50," reported

Kevin Norton of the University of South Australia. The fact that he is nearer to reality explains his lack of popularity. Barbie and her friends have had 910 million fashions produced for them (including Donna's hlack tunic and belted skirt) and she has more shoes than Imelda Marcos (more than

a million pairs). So it comes as

no surprise to discover that she did not have a thing to wear this autumn and had to turn to the fashion design students at Central St Martin's College of Art and Design. Last week. 20 of their designs made it to the catwalk for the Barbie Fashion Awards. Categories were professional, casual

and (naturally) ballgown. "We said to them: Barbie is your client, so go out and design for her," says a Barbic spokeswoman. "After all, she is, in her own right, a fashion icon." Wendy Dagworthy, course director.

onna Karan must have taken one believes Barbie is more cult than icon, but, whatever she is, she is a very busy one. First, there are her careers: they include astronaut, teacher, doctor, and in-line skating cham-pion. Then there is her social circle: she comes from an unstable background with no parents (Daily Mail alert) and friends and family that change every year. Perhaps to make up for this, she suffers from a Michael Jackson-type pet syndrome: she has 16 dogs. 10 horses, four cats, a parrot,

a chimpanzee, a panda, a lion cuh, a giraffe and a zebra. The students had to keep all this in mind as they headed to their meditation rocks. Twenty designs made it to the catwalk, but only three could he chosen by judges, who included Ren Pearce of Pearce Fionda. Winners were Tuxedo Barbie cross-dressing has clearly come of age - and Inflatable Beach Barbie (also known as Blow-Up Barbie) whose PVC gingham sundress becomes an inflatable swimdress with one puff of air.

But what is she wearing to the office these days? That is the question tackled by fashion student Luigi Avenso and his Easy Chic Barbie, to be made into a Limited Edition Collector doll this autumn at £150 each. Easy Chic is wearing a hlack

suit with contrast white lining. Key co-ordinates include handbag, sunglasses, white gloves and hlack shoes. Oh, and a black-and-white marabou feathered hat. It's a relief to know we can wear marabou to the

office again. But is marabou really sending the right message? Perhaps it's time Barbie got a little more serious. There is another woman whose name was Roberts, had a thing about handbags and lived in a fantasy world. Can Prime Minister Barhie be far behind? Start

designing that handbag now. Ann Treneman

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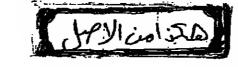
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Professor

Kenneth Muir

of the last of the patriarch-

professors in the Arts Faculties

of English provincial universi-

ties. For 23 years, from 1951 to

1974, as King Alfred Professor of English Literature at Liver-

pool University, he presided

with benevolent autocracy over one of the best English de-

partments in the country, en-

couraging such diverse talents as the two Allotts, Kenneth and

Miriam, G.K. Hunter, Ernest

Schanzer, Inga-Stina Ewbank,

Hermione Lee, Brian Nellist, and many others. He looked

after everything himself, in-cluding admissions and the an-

nouncement of the degree-list. until nearly the cud of his

reign. If you phoned the de-partment, as often as not he

Muir made his name with the

New Arden editions of King

Lear and Macheth, which he pre-

pared with characteristic speed, so that they were the first to he

published in that famous series, in 1951-52. He wrote extensively

on Shakespeare's imagery, and

made notable contributions on

the sources of the plays. Al-

would answer.

Aubrey Brabazon

Aubrev's up, the money's down The frightened bookies quake, ! Come on, me lads, and give a cheer ! Begod its Couage Rake! Immortalised in the famous Irish anthem to the Cheltenham Festival, Aubrey Brabazon was one of the outstanding riders of his and any generation, winning top races in the arenas of both Flat and National Hunt racing.

He was one of only six men to have won the two prestigious Chellenham events - the Champion Hurdle and the Gold Cup - in the same season.

He was regarded as a supremely stylish jockey, something he demonstrated with three successive Gold Cup victories on Cottage Rake (be-tween 1948 and 1950) and two on Champion Hurdler Hatton's Grace (1949 and 1950). both for the legendary Irish trainer Vincent O'Brien.

It is easy for someone far from free of vices during his or her lifetime to resemble a saint when it comes to their obituary. With Brabazon, the verdict is that he was genuincly good and popular. Affectionately known as "the Brab", just as his most famous equine partner was known as "the Rake", he was once described as a "friend to all, a man who knows everyone in Ireland". One of his proudest moments out of the saddle came when Jammets, the famous, now-defunct French restaurant in Duhlin, named a

cocktail after him. Although he was undoubtedly elegant in the saddle, there was something of a hucaneer side to Brabazon as a jockey. Not many riders are captured with a grin

on their face as he was when he jumped the last fence on Cottage Rake on their way to their third Gold Cup victory. (He bad spent the build-up to Cottage Rake's first Gold Cup in the bar at Cheltenham sharing a brandy with O'Brien.) And not many jockeys, after falling in the Grand National, would lie on a stretcher, wrapped in a hlanket and being tended by two worried-looking people, with a spirits bottle in his mouth and a cigarette in his left hand. Yet that was exactly the Brabazon re-sponse to falling from Luan Casca at Becher's Brook in the 1947 National.

He was once slated in an Irish newspaper for dropping his bands too soon and getting beaten on an odds-on favourite. Brabazon Caught Napping was the headline, which prompted O'Brien to respond, If so, it was the only sleep poor Aubrey got all week.

Brahazon was born into a racing family - his father Cecil ran a powerful yard of Flat and jumps borses on The Curragh in County Kildare. Auhrey had his first ride at the age of 13, and was apprenticed to his father at 14. His first of 406 winners in Ireland came a year later, in 1935, when he partnered Queen Christina at Phoenix Park.

In 1946 he shared the Irish jockeys' championship with his friend and rival Martin Molony with 30 wins cach. At this time there was only one championship for which both Flat and jumps victories counted.

On the Flat, Brabazon was



Captured with a grin on his face: Brabazon and Cottage Rake Jump the last fence to win their third Gold Cup at Che

1948 Irish Oaks winner Masaka and Mighty Ocean in the 1950 Irish 2,000 Guineas. Only a broken arm, suffered in a fall from Cottage Rake, prevented him from riding the Irish Derby winner Chamour, a horse who was accused, falsely, of heing doped and sensationally cost Brien his licence for a while.

But it was his relationship with O'Brien - for wborn he acted as usher when O'Brien married his wife Jacqueline - and his hrilliant jumps borses that Brahazon earned his reputation. He even rode O'Brien's first steeplechase winner, Panay, in June 1945. Not only was he retop-class, winning two Irish garded as supremely stylish, he

resorted to use of the whip. O'Brien said of him: "Aubrey is a really brilliant jockey, espe-cially on the big occasion. Good hands and an understanding of the horse are far better than booting . . . it is not necessary to boot (i.e. urge a horse into a fence, using the feet to kick into a horse's girth to spur him on)." Brabazon's brilliant race tem-

perament was nowhere better demonstrated than at Cheltenham, 1948, when Cottage Rake won his first Gold Cup. Martin Molony on the better fancied runner, Happy Home, was trying to unsettle Cottage Rake as be approached the last by spurring his mount into

Brahazon would not be drawn into a premature battle. In the days when there were no race commentaries, O'Brien had watched this race from the final fence. Seeing Happy Home jump the last with a clear advantage, he assumed as he trudged back to the unsaddling enclosure that there was no way Brabazon and Cottage Rake could have closed the deficit.

He was wrong. Brabazon became renowned for approaching the last fence behind the leaders. His ability to "see a stride" as a horse was approaching an obstacle, meant his horses would frequently be tucked in behind the leaders at crucial stages of a race, simply waiting to

pounce with a decisive late strike. After he retired from the saddle. Brabazon trained with a degree of success, winning races such as the Ulster Derby, Ulster National and Hennessy Handicap. He was also a former director of Curragh Bloodstock Agency and in 1983 was made an honorary member of the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee.

Aubrey Brabazon, racehorse trainer and jockey: born The Curragh, County Kildare 7 January 1920; married Ethne Dwyer 1948 (four sons, three daughters); died The Curragh, County Kil-dare 30 September 1996.

though most of his work was on Shakespeare and the dramatists of his time, he also edited Sir Thomas Wyatt's poems and wrote his hiography. The wide range of his writings included work on Keats, Milton, Ibsen and Restoration comedy. He translated Racine and Calderón, and was very pleased Richard Griffiths at the praise his Racine translation received when he was awarded an honorary doctorate Muir's father, a doctor, died when he was seven. He was ed-ucated, on a free place, at Ep-som, and although he was not much in sympathy with the school's outlook, and later wrote to the Headmaster, "f am

one of your failures", he became a prefect and won numerous prizes. He abandoned his medical studies in London and read English at Oxford, at St Edmund Hall; be hlamed his lack of interest in the linguistic approach to Old English literature for his not getting a First. In 1931 Muir was appointed to a lectureship at St John's College. York, largely on the strength of a recommendation from the Poel Laureate, John Masefield, who, mistaking him for another Muir, had given him

a leading part in The Comedy of Errors. He was sacked on three separate occasions for opposing compulsory chapel and being deeply, and he was very shaktoo familiar with the students. en when in the last year of his hut on each occasion was rein- life someone called him a stated by the governors, whose chairman, the Archbishop of York, William Temple, was on his side (he thought) because he liked the Shakespeare productions Muir had been doing for the York Settlement. Muir brought out his first vol-

ume of poems, The Nettle and the Flower, in 1933, and collaborated with Sean O'Loughlin in a study of Shakespeare's imagery, The Voyage to Illyria, published in 1937. He became lecturer at Leeds University in the same year.

He was tireless in publishing notes and short articles, so much so that in the Sixties his colleagues used to call Notes and Queries "Old Muir's Almanac". During the Shakespeare Conference at Stratford-upon-Avon be could be seen on the terrace of the Dirty Duck banding out offprints of his latest views on the chronology of Marlowe's

With broad forebead and keen blue eyes, lean of face and lean of build. Muir was a tall and

The eminent Shakespearean ing, though he cared little about scholar Kenneth Muir was one clothes. He loved the theatre and was very proud of his performances and productions, especially at Leeds. When he retired from Liverpool, his colleagues staged The Tempest in his honour, and he played Pros-pero. He spoke the poetry beautifully. He had a great fund of reminiscences about pre-war productions of Shakespeare, and was a devoted admirer of the actresses he approved of, particularly

Peggy Ashcroft and Judi Dench. He was a lifelong Labour supporter, undertaking a great deal of journalism in his younger days, and serving as Labour councillor in both Leeds and Birkenbead. An immensely kind, thoughtful, sensitive and generous person, be was also very reserved, and those closest to him could only guess at the quality and depth of his emotional life. His wife, Mary, died of lcukaemia in 1975. In the years that followed he was very close to his daughter Katharine. who lectured in psychology at Keele, and her death in 1981, also of leukaemia, was a very great hlow to him.

For many years, Kenneth Muir was a commanding figure



in English academic life and in the international world of Shakespeare studies. His very active intellectual life continued throughout his long retirement. As editor of the influential journal Shakespeare Survey, and long-time chairman of the International Shakespeare Association, he remained very much at the centre of things, and was contributing chapters to books, and papers to conferences, until a few weeks before his death. The revolution in literary studies in the Eighties pained him reactionary.

Although he was a pillar of that less than revolutionary society, the British Academy, he always saw himself as a rehel and a radical. Conservative or radical, he had an alert, clear and capacious mind, an amazingly retentive memory, and he loved literature passionately for its human values. Generations of students, colleagues, and fellow scholars remember him with affection and gratitude.

Philip Edwards

Kenneth Muir, English scholar: born London 5 May 1907; Lecturer in English, St John's College, York 1930-37; Lecturer in English Literature, Lecds University 1937-51; King Alfred Professor of English Literature. Liverpool University 1951-74 (Emeritus), Dean of the Faculty of Arts 1958-61, Public Orator 1961-65; Editor, Shakespeare Survey 1965-80; FBA 1970; FRSL 1978; married 1936 Mary Ewen (died 1975; one son, and impressive figure. There was a one daughter deceased); died natural distinction in his bear-

Joan Perry

Harry Cohn, the autocratic impulsively invited her to make founder and production bead of Columbia Pictures, enjoyed demonstrating his power over contract players by assigning them new names. Jack Lemmon defied his employer by refusing to change his surname to Lennon, but Cohn succeeded in turning Margarita Cansino into Rita Hayworth. Harriette Lake into Ann Sothern, Gwyllyn Samuel Newton Ford into Glenn Ford, and Betty Miller into Joan Perry. He later changed her name again when he made her the second Mrs Harry Cohn. (According to Hollywood legend, be called her into his office and declared, "I'm going to make Hayworth a star.

and you my wife.") The daughter of a prominent Florida railroad executive, Betty Miller wanted desperately to act on the stage. She came to New York in her late teens, and worked as a fashion model to finance her drama lessons. A brief marriage to a photographer ended in divorce. Harry Cohn was 44, and still shakily married to his first wife when, one night in 1935, he saw tall, green-eyed, 21-year old Betty dancing with an escort in New York's Central Park Casino. sor Melvyn Douglas to waitress Introducing himself, the mogul Joan Blondell. Perry demon-

a screen test in Hollywood. That test was the talk of Columbia Pictures: Cohn lavished an unprecedented 1,200 feet of film on it. "He really must go for this gal," whispered one of his hirelings. "He's made whole features that cost less!" It came as no surprise when the newcomer was signed to a studio contract.

peared opposite Lew Ayres, seen to much better advantage. And he is not given much débuting in femme leads in this. next film, the crime story Coun-terfeit Lady (1937). Perry clearly had received that grooming: the same critic reported, "She displays rare charm and unexpected thespian ahility, going through the implausible gemthief role like a vet trouper.

Of the dozen-odd films she made at Columbia (most of them supporting features), the hest was the screwball comedy Good Girls Go to Paris (1939). in which she shone as a rich snob who loses college profes-

Reviewing the film Shake-down (1936), in which she ap-Variety stated, "Ayres has been help by Joan Perry, apparently Needs grooming." Before her

strated independence by makine MGM's Maisie Was a Lady (1941), ber first film away from Columbia. She then accepted a one-year contract with Warner Brothers, for whom she appeared opposite Anthony Quinn in Bullets for O'Hara, Arthur Kennedy in Strange Alibi, and Ronald Reagan in Nine Lives Are Not Enough and In-

ternational Squadron (all 1941).

On 31 July 1941, a month after Cohn finally received a divorce from his long-estranged wife, he and Perry were married, and she retired from the screen. Their first child, a daughter, died 30 minutes after birth, ufacturer Harry Karl ended in but they had two sons and an divorce after only 21 days. For adopted daughter. A converted Catbolic, the new Mrs Cohn persuaded her Jewish husband to allow their children to be raised in her religion. A gracious hostess, she made their Beverly Hills home the scene of Hollywood's most elegant dinner parties. Although Cohn was the most feared and hated of all the film moguls (Ben Hecht nicknamed him "White Fang"), his second marriage lasted 17 years.

Harry Cohn died in 1958, leaving his widow \$2m and the largest single stock holding in Columbia Pictures. Thanks to as-

quintupled her inheritance, but took no part in the business of the studio, "I could have screwed my hair into a hun and become another woman executive," she said. "I leave the running of the company to the board. My job is being a woman."

She was a much sought-after

woman. Her old friend the lyricist Sammy Cahn suggested that, were she to marry again, an ideal husband would be the actor Franchot Tone - as she'd then be Joan Cohn Tone. Actually in 1959 she became Joan Cohn Karl, but her marriage to the multi-millionaire shoe manmost of the 1960s she was the constant companion of Laurence Harvey. They married in 1968, hut divorced four years later. A rumoured engagement to

Tab Hunter never materialised. "I didn't want to be a star," said Joan Perry Cohn in 1962. "What would have happened to my marriage if I had?"

Dick Vosburgh

Elizabeth Rosalind Miller (Joan Perry), actress: born Pensacola, Florida 7 July 1911; four times married (two sons, one adopted daughter); died Santa Barbara, tute investment, she more than California 15 September 1996.



'Rare charm and unexpected thesplan ability': Perry with Lionel Stander in Meet Nero Wolfe (1936) Photograph: Ronald Grant Archive

Shusaku Endo

It was honest of James Kirkup, in his obituary of Shusaku Endo [1 October], to admit that Endo was one of those Japanesc writers, like Mishima and Oc. who never appealed to

Japan: his books had many admirers in the English-speaking world, including Graham Greene, Francis King, Penelope Lively. John Updike, Angus Wilson. And, for all the serime" writes Anthony Thwaite. ousness of his work, he had an Endo was not only both pop- additional reputation in Japan ular and highly regarded in as an entertainer, even a bit

of a clown, running a chorus of singers who proclaimed themselves to be the worst in

He was very good company. and astonishingly generous. In the late 1980s, he set up a trust with rich Catholic friends (in partícular Kenzo Kogi, who

1847; Ferdinand Focb, Marshal of

runs a travel agency) in order to organise and finance the exchange of writers, artists. and musicians. In September-December 1989 I was the beneficiary of such a grant, and towards the end of my time in Japan Endo invited me to join him and a few friends on a tour

of Nagasaki and other southern sites, including several significant ones in the history of early Japanese Christianity. Though weak in health (as Kirkup points out), Endo never seemed to let this drag him down; he was lively, learned, affable, and witty.

f think it extremely unlikely that any "grievous disappointment at not receiving the Nobel Prize had contributed to a sudden decline in his already unstable health". Endo had too much sense of balance, and too much sense of humour, to have allowed any such thing.

Births, Marriages & Deaths

DEATHS

SURGNER: Marion, much-loved wife of Tom and mother of David and Steven, peacefully at home on 1 Oc-tober. Funeral [family and friends) at Golders Green crematorium on Thursday 3 October at 10.45am. No flowers please, but any donations to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund or to Eden Hall Hospice, London NW3. RWIN: Dr Vincem Leo, peacefully on 29 September at St Barnabas Hospice. Funeral and requiem at St Edmund's College, Ware, on Friday 4 October at 12 mon. Family Ilowers only. If desired donations for St Barnabas Hospice. Lincoln, to R. Ash. & Sons. Lincoln Road, Bassingham, Lincoln LN5 9JX.

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Changing of the Guard

Birthdays

Mr Trevor Brooking, footballer, 48; Dr William Cramond, clinical psy-chiatrist, 76; Lord Davies, Chairman of Welsh National Opera, 56; Sir Brian Dillon, a former Lord Justice of Appeal, 7t; Professor Sir Robin Duthie, former chairman, Britoil, 68; Miss Anna Ford, broadcaster, 53; Mr Peter Frankl, pianist, 61: Sir John Gurdon, Master, Magdalene College, Cambridge, 63: Mr Peter Hobson, former Headmaster, Charterhouse School, 52; Colonel Geoffrey Luttrell, former Lord-Lieutenam of Somerset 77; Mr Don McLean, folk singer, 51; Miss Jan Morris, author, 70; Mr James Porter, former Director-General, Commonwealth Institute, 68; Mr Vivian Ridler, former Printer to Oxford University, 83; The Right Rev Lord Runcie, former Archbishop of Canlerbury, 75: The Right Rev Roger Sainsbury, Bishop of Barking, 60; Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor of the Supreme Court. 62: Sting, (Mr Gordon Sumner), rock singer, 45; Mr Gary Streeter MP. 4t; Mr Duncan Thomson, Keeper, Scottish National Portrait Gallery, 62; Vice-Admiral Sir Anthony Tippett, former Chief of Fleet Support, 68; Lord Todd, chemist, 89; Mr Sam Wainwright, former deputy chairman, Post Office, 72; Lt-Col Eric Wilson

Anniversaries

Births: Richard tfl, King, 1452-Philip Cipriani Hambley Potter, pi-anist and composer, 1792; Mikhail Yuryevich Lermontov (Learmonth), poet, 1814; Paul Ludwig Hans von Beneckendorf von Hindenburg, Ger-man field marshal and president.

France, t851: Sir William Ramsay, chemist, 1852; Charles de Souzy Ricketts, artist, 1866; Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, Indian leader. 1869; Wallace Slevens, poet, 1879; Julius "Groucho" Marx, comedian. 1890: Ignatius Roy Dunnachie Campbell, poet 1901: Henry Graham Greene, novelist, 1904. Deaths: Isaac Oliver, miniature painter, 1617; Admiral August Keppel, first Viscount, naval commander and politician. navai commander and politician, 1786; José María de Heredia, poet, 1905; Max Bruch, composer, 1920; Marie Stopes, birth control pioneer, 1958: Marcel Duchamp (Henri-Pierre Roche), Surrealisi painter, 1968; Rock Hudson (Roy Fitzgerald Scherer), actor, 1985; Sir Peter Bri-an Medowar, medical scientist, 1987 an Medawar, medical scientist, 1987. On this day: Saladin entered Jerusalem, 1187; Rome became the capital city of tialy, 1870; Brigham Young, Mormon leader, was arrested for bigamy, 1871; the first Royal Naval submarine was launched at Barrow, 1901; the first rugby football match was played at Twickenham, 1909; Italy invaded Abyssinia, 1935; Guinea hecame an independent republic, 1958; the musical show Valmouth was first produced in London. 1958; the first London performance of the musical show Promises, Promises was presented, 1968; Neil Kinnock

Guardian Angels and St Leger or

Lectures Victoria and Albert Museum: Nicholas Humphrey. "Seventeentheculury Continental Interiors". 2.30pm Tate Gatiery: Sarah Greenberg, "Family Portraits through the Ages",

National Gallery: Colin Wiggins, "Peler Blake (i): Now We are 64", lpm.
Gresham College (Barnard's Inn
Hall, London EC1): Professor tan
Slewari, "The Practical Fractal".

Institute of Economic Affairs: Dr Andrew Godley, "Immigration, En-terprise and Culture: the Jewish ex-perience in London and New York 1880-1914", 6.30pm.

Robert Tewdwr Moss A memorial service for Robert Louis Tewdwr Moss will be held at 2,30pm on Saturday 19 October at St Mary's Church, Paddington, Paddington

Luncheons

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Sir Nicholas Bonsor MP, Minister of State for Foreign and Common wealth Affairs, hosted a farewell luncheon yesterday at the Royal Garden Hotel in honour of Mr Sergiu Celac, the Ambassador of Ro-

became leader of the Labour Party, 1983. Today is the Feast Day of St Eleutherius of Nicomedia, The

Mr Jon Pertwee, of London SW15, the actor, the third Dr Who, left eslate valued at £418,995 net. Sir Ernest Gordon Cox, of Hamp stead, London NW3, the pioneer of early X-ray crystallography, left es-tale valued at £45,211 net.

Landlord's notice could be dispensed with (Lord Justice Auld, Lord Justice

Thorpe) 26 July 1996

dispense with the requirement that a landlord must bave served on the tenant, at the time of the ereation of the tenancy, written notice that he might require the property back for his own or his spouse's use, so as to entitle him to terminate an assured tenancy under ground 1 of Schedule 2 to the Housing Act 1988, was not limited to exceptional

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by the plaintiff, Rita Madeleine Boyle, against the dismissal by Judge Maher, sitting in Wandsworth County Court on 3 August 1995, of her claim for possession of a flat at 207b Castelnau. Barnes, London, which she had let to the defendant, Ricbard Hugh Verrall. Both litigants appeared in person.

Lord Justice Auld said Mrs Boyle had let the flat to Mr Verrall on 30 March 1993 at a had served on Mr Verrall. rent of £650 per month, later when banding over the keys, a increased to £700 per month. written notice under section

LAW REPORT

The court's discretion, where it was, the judge beld, an as-was "just and equitable", to sured tenancy under section 1 vinced she had done so. But of the Housing Act 1988, terminable by Mrs Boyle only on one of the grounds specified in Schedule 2 to the The issue was whether Mrs

> the tenancy on ground 1, namely that she required the property as a principal bome for her husband. A precondition of entitlement under that ground was that she had, before entering into the tenancy agreement, notified Mr Verrall in writing that she might require possession for that reason, or, failing such notice, that she could satisfy the judge that it was just and equitable to

Boyle was cutitled to terminate

The tenancy had been drawn up on a standard form for an assured shorthold tenancy, as defined in section 20 of the 1988 Act, and it was clear that this was the tenancy Mrs Boyle intended to create. She said she

dispense with it.

it was plain that she intended to create an assured shorthold tenancy and that Mr Verrall knew that was her intention and that she had made a mistake in not completing the notice.

Boyle stated in a letter to Mr Verrall that she and her busband would soon need the flat back for their own use. Mr Verrall, who was unemployed and relied on housing benefit to pay the rent, refused to move. On her claim for possession

In September 1994, Mrs

the judge held that, because of the lack of a section 20 notice. the tenancy was an assured, not assured shorthold, tenancy. He further held that in the absence of written notification that possession might be required under ground 1(b) of Schedule 2, it would have to be an "exceptional case" to justify dispensing with such written notice where, as be found, no oral

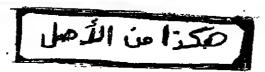
notice was given.
Ground f of Schedule 2, if established by a landlord, en-

titled him to possession. The judge bad no discretion. The landlord did not have to show that his requirement of the property for his or his spouse's principal home was reason-able. Discretion only came into play where a landford did not serve the requisite written notice at the time of entering into the tenancy and the court had to decide whether it was "just and equitable" to dispense with such notice.

in determining what was just and equitable for this purpose the court should look at all the circumstances of the case. Clearly, if oral notice was given, it might be an important factor favouring dispensation. But it did not follow that oral notice was a pre-requisite of such a decision. Nor was the absence of oral notice a reason for restricting dispensation to the "exceptional

Had the judge applied the correct test, he could not possibly have come to any conclusion other than that it was just and equitable to dispense with the requirement of written notice.

Paul Magrath, Barrister



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Elisabeth Murdoch assumes control at BSkyB

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Elisabeth Murdoch, daughter of media baron Rupert Murdoch, is to take charge of all programming at BSkyB, her father's pay-TV giant, it emerged last night. The extension of her position at Sky will bring her a step closer to the mantle of heir apparent at her father's global empire. Ms Murdoch, 28, joined BSkyB earlier this year, as gen-

eral manager, broadcasting. She is to continue to oversee

company's business, including its crucial subscription management centres in Scotland. But effective immediately, she will also oversee BSkyB's growing programming division.
The move follows confirma-

tion last month that her brother Lachlan would become managing director of Mr Mur-doch's Australian company, News Ltd., and will fuel speculation that he is grooming one or the other of the two chil-dren to take over from him when he retires.

key operational aspects of the

Ms Murdoch, notoriously press-shy, began her television career in the US, with her father's company, Fox. She bought and then ran two US lo-

cal television stations, before

Martin Dunn, editor of the New York Daily News and formerly editor of Today, is to join Associated group run by Sir David English, to oversee the company's television and new media interests. According to company

with a restructuring of the company's programming opera-

of Harmsworth New Media, a division of Associated, and will be in charge of the develop the company's pay-TV channels and its electronic publishing operations. Associated, which blishes the Daily Mail and the

tions. A new head of

while Les Sampson, formerly Nine Network in Australia, is to become Controller of Sky

channel, and plans to launch a new women's channel next year, Mr Dunn began his Street at the Daily Mail, before joining Rupert Murdoch's Sun. He edited two US newspapers, the Boston Herald and the Daily

programmes, who is now chief executive of Channel 5 Broadcasting backers of the new fifth terrestrial television

His direct replacement. Mr Baker; joins from Nickelodeon, the joint venture children's channel owned by BSkyB and

tween Viacom and BSkyB ever The changes were made necsince Sky announced it would essary by the departure of carry Mr Murdoch's Fox Kids, David Eistein, formerly head of a competitor to Nickelodeon.

in the UK market. Mr Baker worked briefly for Sky in 1988, as entertainment producer at Sky News, and has had stints at TV-am, Channel 4 and GMTV.

Mr Sampson worked for Sam Chisholm, Sky's chief executive. when they were both at Nine Network, Kerry Packer's tele-



Cash-rich investors help push Footsie nearer 4,000 mark

PETER RODGERS

The stock market finished at an all-time closing high last night as new figures from purchasing managers confirmed the strength of the recovery in in-

The FTSE 100 index put on 38.5 points to close at 3,992.2, and analysts predicted it could soon push through the 4,000 ance towards a rise in interest level if optimism about the cocoomy continued to dominate investors' moods.

Cash-rich institutions appear to be ignoring predictions from PDFM, the fund managers, of a looming stock market crash sive month in September to 53.4 comparable with or worse than 1987, and instead are stepping up their share purchases. The close was only I.9 points

Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of

the Exchequer, yesterday used

the occasion of the 20th an-

niversary of Denis Healey, the

last Labour Chancellor, turning to the International Monetary

Fund for an emergency loan to

claim that the British economy

economy to the top of the po-

litical agenda reflects Govern-

ment hopes that the returning

feel-good factor will help its re-

He said at the IMF in Wash-

ington: "This ironic anniversary

is the best evidence of the scale

of reform of the British econ-

Britain will be the fastest-

growing European economy

this year and next, and the

IMF shares his belief that un-

employment can continue to fall

without increasing inflation.

thanks to the structural re-

omy over the last two decades."

Mr Clarke's hid to push the

had broken the mould.

election chances.

DIANE COYLE

level, reached on 20 September. The buoyancy yesterday was helped by takeover speculation and a firm gilts market, and it came despite suggestions in the City that the latest purchasing managers' survey was

Some economists believe this new evidence could tip the bal-

enough to rule out any linger-

ing hope of a further cut in in-

Purchasing and Supply said the Purchasing Managers' Index of manufacturing activity rose for the fourth succesper cent, its highest level for 17 months, from 52 per cent in Au-

The close was only I.9 points below the best ever intra-day showed the largest monthly in-

reform has made the UK econ-

policy of the late 1970s.

Clarke looks back

on the bad old days

prone."

Angela Knight, treasury economic secretary, said: The survey is further evidence that the recovery in manufacturing

is strengthening."
Coming a day after strong house price figures from the Nationwide huilding society, some economists think the economy could soon be firing on all cylinders now that manufacturing is catching up with other activities.

ufacturing sector on the brink

The survey found commod-ity prices_fell, although the number of companies report-ing a fall in prices dropped to forms that have taken place.
The Chancellor said: "Our prices index rose to 44 per agenda of privatisation, dereg-ulation and labour market cent from a revised 41.7 in August, the second consecutive monthly rise.

In contrast to the UK, eviomy more flexible, more responsive to changes in market condition and less inflation He contrasted the current low inflation environment with the "beer and sandwiches" incomes On the day that the latest sur-

ing fears of inflation. vey pointed to a strong pick-up in activity in prices and mann-facturing, Mr Clarke asserted that British industry was shedding its inflationary psychology, with companies less inclined to take the easy route to giving in

to wage demands. He promised to stay tough on inflation and tough on public borrowing. In its new economic forecast published last week, the IMF warned that a correction was needed in the government's borrowing requirement to get it back on the right track.

crease for two years, fuelled by consumer demand which has expanded order books of consumer goods manufacturers.

"The survey shows the man-

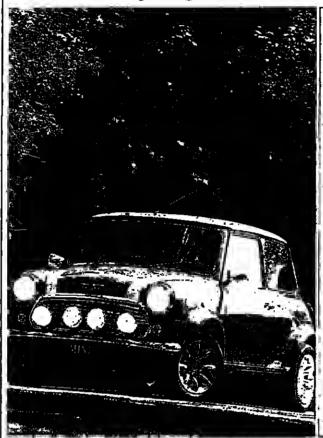
of a fully-fledged recovery," said Alex Garrard, UK economist at UBS. Even the investment goods sector, which has been particularly slow to recover, is showing the first signs of revival. The survey said: "In September, growth appears to have filtered down a further level, to producers of investment goods such as plant and machinery.

dence from a purchasing manufacturers' survey in the US showed that manufacturing growth slowed in September. pointing to slower economic growth ahead. The index was weaker than expected and boosted US markets by calm-

The US index fell to 51.7 last month from 52.6 in August. A reading above 50 indicates growth in manufacturing while one helow that level shows contraction is likely.

In a separate US report, the Conference Board index of leading indicators, a key economic forecasting gauge, rose 0.2 per cent in August, the same as in July. This was seen as a sign of slower but steadier growth in the third quarter and beyond.

Motor industry: Engines to come from new \$500m BMW/Chrysler plant in South America





Old and new: The 1997 Mini, left, and an artist's impression of how the reborn Mini will look

Mini shapes up for the 21st century

MICHAEL HARRISON ... Ination the Mini Cooper is The production line is examin South America. The plant rective at Longbridge and a

The Mini, the biggest-selling But Rover, now under the control of the launched a thousand imitators, is to be reborn. Rover announced yesterday that it is to the launched a thousand in the launched a thousand imitators, is to be reborn. Rover announced yesterday that it is to the launched a thousand in the launched a thousand imitators, is to be reborn. Rover announced yesterday that it is to the launched a thousand in the launched a thousand imitators, is to be reborn. Rover announced yesterday that it is to the launched launched a thousand imitators, is to be reborn. Rover announced yesterday that it is to the launched laun spend £400m to develop a new Mini for the new millennium.

The new model will be built at the Longhridge plant in Birmingham, its "spiritual home" for nearly 40 years, and will safeguard or create an estimated 8,000 jobs directly and indirectly.

Artists impressions suggest that the new car will be much sleeker and rounder than its predecessor. A spokesman maintained, however: "It will be a completely new car but it will be umistakahly a Mini."

The Mini was designed by Sir Alec Issigonis and first appeared in 1959. It quickly became the icon of 1960s fashion, featuring in the film The Italian Job and went on to reach sales of five and a quarter million. Production of the latest version - re-engineered and back in its most memorable incar-

be manufactured in a \$500m Rover and Chrysler. could be even higher, dependplant that BMW and Chrsyler, ing on when Rover re-enters the US market. the US car maker, are to build Nissan to create jobs in North-east

Nissan is to create a further 150 jobs at its car plant in Sunderland following the decision to build new car - a estate version of the Primera - in the North-east.

However, the project lined up for 1998 came as almost an anti-climax after some advance media speculation that the firm was poised to build a third model at Sunderland, providing 1,000 new jobs.

The company, already employing more than 4,000 at Sun-derland, said the new estate car, taking over from a model imported from Japan, would result from £70m of investment. The

Sunderland was set to produce the five-scater, styled at their European design centre at Munich, was further confirmation of the

plant as "a centre of manufacuring excellence". - scheduled to go on sale in the lan Gibson, chief executive of summer of 1998. turing excellence". . Nissan Motor Manufacturing (UK), said: "The estate car has been an exciting model to develop here in Europe and today's announcement underlines Nissan's commitment to the Euro-

The company also said that the

pean car buyer".

for its Micra mini car. This will be the first big component that Nissan has sourced from a rival European vehicle maker.

The new Mini line is ex-

pected to provide 2,000 jobs di-

The diesel engined Micra is

"Compared with Japan, demand is much stronger in the European passenger car market for diesel-engine vehicles and there have been calls for the introduction of Micra models powered by a diesel engine," the

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end speculation that the Mini could be built anywhere other than in the UK. This is yet more evidence of BMW's confidence in Rover."

The go-ahead for the new model will come as welcome filip for Rover after reports output was forecast to be 20,000 Sunderland plant was to start that its German parent coma year. shipping in diesel engines made pany was deeply unhappy
It stressed the decision that by the French car group Peugeot about its investment. BMW has said it does not expect to make a profit from Rover this century. The 1997 Mini - which went on show yesterday at the Parts Motor Show - features a driver's airbag - a feature once thought impossible to engineer into a car so small. multi-point fuel injection, alloy wheels, wood facia and sells

for £8,995. The spokesman would not be drawn on how much the 21st century version would

David Salnsbury: Wants to shift focus on to quality

Sainsbury moves into financial services Channel 5 seeks

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Sainsbury's is gearing up to launch a series of initiatives between now and Christmas in an attempt to claw back market share lost to rivals such as A key part of the plans will

be a move into financial services which is likely to include a Sainsbury's "hank account". similar to the ClubCard Plus scheme launched by Tesco earlier this year.

Other plans include a decision to fight the market share battle on Sainsbury's strengths

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such as quality, choice and customer service while shifting attention away from price.

The initiatives are unlikely to win much support in the City as Tesco has already moved into financial services and price has proven to be a key weapon in the supermarket store wars. New market share figures are expected from research

group AGB today. They are likely to show that Sainsbury's is still failing to narrow the gap between itself and Tesco. The last released figures for the four weeks to 25 August

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more narrow definition of the banks are unpopular and that into the financial services margrocery market had risen to 21.4 per cent. Sainsbury's share had dipped to 18.6 per cent.
Sainsbury's first move into fi-

nancial services is unlikely to be anything more advanced than Tesco's ClubCard Plus scheme which is essentially a hudget account offering beneficial inter-

Sainshury's scheme will operate separately from its Reward loyalty card launched in June. Like Tesco, it will not run the accounts but will co-operate with a major clearing bank. showed Tesco's share of the Sainsbury's takes the view that

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supermarket groups enjoy greater trust among their customers. Other financial services, such as the provision of loans and overdrafts, are expected in the longer term.

Tony MacNeary, of NatWest Security, said Sainsbury's would probably be accused of copying lesco's move into financial services. "It is still proving a strug-gle for them to differentiate." themselves from the rest of the sector," he said.

don't see Sainsbury's breaking

ket in a big way They've got to resolve the issues in the core food retailing business first.

company said.

Sainsbury's says its Reward card has more than 6 million members and that the sales increases of 2-3 per cent are sufficient to cover the cost of administering the scheme. Tesco and Asda have consis tently dragged Sainsbury's back

into a price battle. Last month Tesco launched its "unbeatable Frank Davidson, of James Value" campaign to cut the Capel, is also unconvinced. "I price of 600 lines. Sainsbury's

They can't out-Tesco Tesco."

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satellite space

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Channel 5 Broadcasting is planning to hid for newly available space on the Astra 1A satellite. spending up to £6m a year to extend the coverage of Britain's last "free" terrestrial TV service. If successful, Channel 5 could reach an additional I million homes in the UK.

But the company, owned by Pearson and United News & Media, will have to offer a competitive premium to win the satellite lease, in the face of fierce competition from other broadcasters.

The lease for the satellite transponder is being offered by Nethold, the Dutch-based broadcaster, which is moving one of its channels to a competing satellite service, Intelsat. According to sources close to Channel 5, BSkyB, Rupert Murdoch's pay-TV giant, will "assist" in securing the lease, using its long-standing ties with Astra, the leading European satellite system. BSkyB, a major Astra client, uses the satellite to transmit its own pay TV channels in the UK.

BSkyB and Channel 5 are negotiating ever-closer ties, which are expected to include joint programme acquisition and

ation pact is being pursued by David Elstein, chief executive of Channel 5 Broadcasting, who left his job as head of pro-grammes at BSkyB last month: If the company gets the satel-lite lease, it will be able to broadcast the Channel 5 signal to 100 per cent of direct-to-bome satellite homes in the UK. That would help extend the coverage

of the service, which will reach

about 80 per cent of UK homes

through conventional terres-trial transmission. Mr Elstein has set a priority on securing the widest possible coverage for the new Channel 5, scheduled for launch early m 1997. A successful lobbying campaign recently led to the release of an additional frequency for the transmission of the channel taking the total to 80 per cent from just over 70 per cent.

With satellite, it is estimated that an additional 1m homes will receive the signal in areas where the conventional signal is not available. In addition, Channel 5 hopes to encourage cable operators to carry the service, part ticularly in the south of England; where through-the-air television reception will be patchy.

It is understood that Travel, the UK cable channel, and Flextech; the cable and satellite packages. are also interested in bidding for the Nethold transponder.

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Why a Clarke boom is bad for the stock market

to eat their words once more as the soar away FTSE 100 index powers to within a whisker of the 4,000 mark. It is easy to see why this is happening. As yesterday'a buoyant Purchasing Managers Index confirmed beyond any doubt, we now seem to he in the throws of a fully fledged pre-election boom. And as Kenneth Clarke, the chancellor, was only too keen to stress at the IMF meeting in Washington yesterday, there appears nothing on the horizon to cloud this glorious picture of

non inflationary growth.

Mr Clarke, naturally, cites 17 years of Con-servative Party reform - privatisation, deregulation, and flexible labour markets - as the underlying cause of this success. Despite his location, however, Mr Clarke is a man speaking primarily to his electorate. The international bankers and finance ministers who were his audience yesterday might beg to dif-fer just a little from this analysis. On most con-vendonal measures, the UK economy is indeed performing exceptionally well right now, but this has as much to do with external factors, luck and some good old fashioned pump priming ahead of the election as any-

Inflation is in abeyance not just in the UK, but almost everywhere that counts. Also buoyed by a man with an election to win, the US economy too is booming. Even on the Continent growth seems to be picking up. Britain's economic performance may look a with an agenda that is supposed to be pretty will mean for the industrial countries. In par-

Just 7.8 points to go. Bears of the stock mar-bit better than elsewhere, but this is hardly much sealed up well before they get their ticular, will the single currency mean the need ket, which include this column, are having evidence of an economic miracle in the chance to vote on it. The achievements of this for a single European voice at the IMF and

By contrast, there is growing evidence of the reverse, that what we are witnessing here are the beginnings of a boom that, if it is not going to end in quite the same calamitous bust of the past, might well leave us all with some kind of mild hangover. The signs of this are all over the place but they are to be found in their most compelling form in the housing market - which if you live in certain parts of London is most definitely booming again - and, yes, in shares themselves, which are showing investment bubble like characteristics.

Mr Clarke is probably right to insist that this is no repeat of the Lawson boom. A cautious Budget on November 26 will underline the differences. But nor is the outlook quite as cloudless as he claims. Inflation will be rising again, possibly quite sharply, within a year. Meanwhile, it seems highly unlikely that the boom in corporate profits - driven in part by cost cutting and low wage increases - can continue for much longer. A crash or major correction? Perhaps, perhaps not. But a pro-longed bear market? All too possible.

IMF rethinks its future

year's meeting such as the initiative to reduce the debt burden on small countries have been crafted by officials during the last six months. The real issue for discussion during the active round of cocktail parties is the shape the IMF and other international institutions will need to take as the global balance of eco-

nomic power shifts. It is now plain that there are some big new kids on the block. Up and coming countries such as Korea, because of its wealth, and China, because of its size, will without doubt become important economic powers. The question is how the Fund needs to evolve to recognise these new economic forces on the

The first step has been taken. The "new arrangements to botrow", the emergency source of funds created in response to the Mexican crisis, incorporates some of the new powers such as Korea, Malaysia and

Singapore.
The next steps are under way, with the IMF's appeal to members for an increase in quotas. These are the member countries shareholdings in the Fund. The IMF would like to use a quota increase to double its capital in a way that reflects countries' relative

importance in the world economy. Negotiations will go ahead in the hope that what will that imply for Britain if it stays out?

Although there is no immediate threat to the UK's strong voice in the organisation, it looks sure to diminish over time - hence Mr Clarke's attempt to get some of his free market principles written into the IMF's list of objectives. More important, there is the issue of how countries with very different political cultures can be incorporated in a system of decision making that has always been based on a shared model of democracy. So far, the biggest difference in world view the institution has had to accommodate has been between that of the Germans and the Americans. But as the shadow hanging over next year's meeting in Hong Kong shows, inviting China and others to step into the boardroom could be fraught with difficulty.

Can TV's newcomers make money?

Hardly any hroadcasters are making Hmoney out of niche pay-TV channels in the UK. So why are so many piling in? Granada Sky Broadcasting was launched yesterday with seven new services. The BBC, in teague with Flextech, wants to add eight by next summer, including arts, entertainment, documentaries, music and the like. Others lie

waiting in the wings.

Do we really want all these television ser-

vices? More to the point, can they achieve any kind of commercial viability? Can there, for

kind of commercial viability? Can there, for instance, really be a market for three lifestyle channels — Daily Mail TV's lifestyle channel. UK Living (also lifestyle), and Granada Life (you guessed it, more lifestyle)?

There are, however, reasons for investing in pay-TV now, even if the pickings seem thin. First, when the digital revolution strikes, there will be large numbers of channels vying for our attention. Quality, recognised brand names and uniqueness may be the best selling points. But how to stand out among all the audio-

But how to stand out among all the audiovisual clutter? One way is to launch now, in the relatively uncrowded world of analogue, where maybe 40 channels are seeking eyeballs.

Thereafter, the audiences may stick by when the digital era dawns.

The argument is particularly true for the BBC. The country's largest archive of programmes and its world-beating brand make it potentially a very strong player. Certainly Flextech understands the appeal, and is will-ing to spend as much as £200m to develop the

new pay-TV services.

All these channels can expect, for now, are the crumbs from the grouning table at which Rupert Murdoch's BSkyB feasts. These new channels will wither on the vine if BSkyB's near-monopoly in analogue pay-TV is not restrained from migrating into the digital world. By the same token, they offer the prospect of development of a real second force in pay-TV to counterbalance the monopoly power of BSkyB.

House of Fraser announces overhaul after £13.6m loss

TOM STEVENSON City Editor

John Coleman, new chief executive of House of Fraser. launched a searing attack on his predecessors at the department store chain yesterday.

Announcing a £50m restructuring programme, he blamed poor customer service, inadequate market knowledge, weak huying and poor internal systems for the company's collapse to a £13.6m loss in the half-year to

Between five and 10 of the company's 50 stores face the axe as a result of a strategic review of the group, putting more than 1,000 of House of Fraser's 9,500 strong payroll at

House of Fraser's shares retirement before the float

the retailer, only three years af-



Brian McGowan; Came out of

closed 4.5p lower at 158p as the ter it came to the market at a of the non-executive chairman",

group's "own bought" wom-enswear, which traditionally attracts a higher gross margin than sales from in store concessions, lay hehind worsethan-expected losses for the

man admitted the company had made serious errors in That is what I did." that department.

Brian McGowan, House of Fraser's chairman, who came out of retirement to head the company just before it floated in 1994, dismissed the suggestion that he should take responsibility for the failings highlighted by Mr

"It is a question of the role to resolve.

City focused on the size of Mr price of 180p. Mr McGowan, who made his Coleman's task in rejuvenating A collapse in sales of the reputation at the Williams in-Mr McGowan, who made his dustrial group, said.

"He is not there to he operational, not even to create a strategy. He is there to review the effectiveness of that strategy and the ability of the executives to carry it out. If he Womenswear accounts for believes they are not up to it, almost a third of House of or there is a flaw in the strate-Fraser's sales, and Mr Cole- gy, then it is his responsibility to change the management.

Analysts questioned whether Mr Coleman had the neoessary track record to turn round House of Fraser, which has seen its profits fall since flotation, has been losing market share to Debenhams and John Lewis, faces cash outflows and rising debts and has a host of operational problems

prior to his strategic review, the company, whose portfolio of stores includes such famous retailing names as DH Evans, Barkers and Rackhams, knew little about its customers, had unacceptably high staff turnover in key areas such as the buying office and suffered from poor planning which had led to bad stock control and

ceived lines. During the half-year under review, sales were no marginally to £334.7m (£322.6m), A trading loss of £2.5m (loss of £1.8m) was compounded by a £6.7m one-off property writeoff and higher interest payable of £4.4m (£3.8m) to leave a pre-tax loss of £13.6m com-pared with last year's £4.3m shortfall.

discounts to clear badly re-



Investment column, page 21 A searing attack: John Coleman, new chief executive, blamed predecessors for collapse

Doubts over IMF meeting in China

DIANE COYLE and HAMISH McRAE

A shadow hangs over the plans of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank to hold next year's annual meeting in Hong Kong, sbortly after its reversion to Chinese rule. This is the result of rising concern Chinese member of the IMF staff, Mr Yang Hong, who was abducted while on a Fund mission to China eartier this year.

on 27 September expressing concern about his treatment by the Chinese authorities. The letter has not been disclosed to the public for fear of damaging Mr Hong's position and the authors will not discuss it. It is understood that it did not specifically about the imprisonment of a call for the location of the meetings to be moved, and no formal contingency planning to do so has yet begun.

had developed. "We are con-

vinced that an exercise along

these lines to analyse and eval-

uate emerging market forces

will he essential before any

conclusions can be reached as

to what, if any, controls will be needed after 2001," it said, Members of the consumer

panel include John Hughes,

chairman of the National Con-

sumer Council's economic pol-

icy committee, and Stephen

Locke, director of research and

policy at the Consumers' As-

Oftel'sconclusions that BT re-

mains "a very powerful domi-

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the UK telecoms market" and

market will develop in the fu-ture and how competitive forces

Oftel's deputy director gen-eral, Anna Walker, said that

while it believed this would be

the last set of price controls, it

did not mean there would be no

She said: "We will not wait for

1999-2000 before reassessing

the market situation. Indeed,

preliminary work on a review of

effective competition in tele-

coms will begin this autumn and

will include a thorough assess-

Their letter

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will shape it.

would be an embarrassing htow to the Chinese as the hand-over of power in July 1997 draws closer. However, some senior same and the request of the request of the was added at the request of the staff members of the Fund believe it will be politically very difficult to bold the meetings in Hong Kong, which by next Sep-tember will have reverted to

The Bank and Fund were in-

not been released.

Chinese control, if Mr Hong has

Fund, charged to examine the legal position of Mr Hong's changing the location of the circumses, wrote to all IMF governors meeting. But a cancellation ties. Fund staff are particularly perturbed about the circumstances of Mr Hong's abduction, Chinese authorities.

IMF and World Bank staff do not have formal diplomatic status, but are normally treated as missions and so would normally be immune from such interference. Representations by the Top Fund and Bank officials vited jointly to Hong Kong by the have decided to try other Chinese and British authori- have so far been unsuccessful.

Oftel warned of need to keep BT on leash

MICHAEL HARRISON

Consumer groups have warned Oftel, the telecommunications industry regulator, that it may need to keep retail price controks in place on British Telecom well into the next century, it

emerged last night.
In July Oftel pledged that the new price controls, which take effect next August and run for four years, would be the "last rec tail price controls". They will cut the average domestic bill by £30 a year. Oftel said competition would replace the need for a retail price control mechanism.

But in a letter to Oftel, published yesterday, leading consumer organisations said this that "it is impossible to predict exactly how the UK telecoms raised a "serious issue of principle", adding that they could not share Oftel's confidence that this should be the last set of

price controls. The new price formula will cover just 26 per cent of BT's revenues but 80 per cent of its residential customer market, mainly lower users.

But the letter, signed by five further need for regulation.

members of the Oftel consumer panel, urges the Director General of Telecommunications, Don Cruickshank, to un-Q dertake a comprehensive review of the telecoms market in 2000 - the year before the new price formula expires - to establish ment of the competitive position how much price competition of BT in all its markets."

· Peter Lennon, 54, and Roger Charlesworth, 50, were jalled for 21 and 18 months respectively after pleading guilty at the Inner London Crown Court, Newington Causeway, to inducing deposits from the public on the basis of false and misleading statements and falsifying documents. A third man, Paul Hyans, 33, received a sentence of 200 bours of community service. The charges were brought after an investigation by the Bank of England into advertigation and the service of the charges were brought after an investigation by the Bank of England into advertigations. vertisements in national newspapers for a product called the Heritage Bond. The advertisements prompted over 300 enquires hut because the Bank intervened early only six deposits had been received, with a total value of £39,000.

 BT has secured a £147m eight-year contract to install a cus-tomised telecommunications network for Lloyds TSB. The net-work will link all of the bank's 1,700 sites in Britain and will be rolled out over the next three years.

 September new passenger car sales in Japan rose 8.8 per cent year-on-year to 349,460 after increasing 1.4 per cent in August, the Japan Automobile Dealers Association said. Total vehicle sales, including trucks and buses, increased 8.4 per cent to 511,911 units after falling in August. Truck sales rose 7.5 per cent. Lucas Varity is buying Boeing Co's cargo system business Boeing Georgia Inc for an undisclosed sum. As part of the agree-

ment, Lucas Aerospace will achieve increased annual sales of

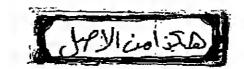
approximately £60m and obtain rights to make, sell and distribute Boeing 747, 767 and 777 cargo systems spares directly. Airbus Industrie, the European aircraft manufacturer, has landed a \$400m order for eight short-range A320 and A321 jets from the Singapore Aircraft Leasing Enterprise. Airbus, in which British Aerospace has a 20 per cent stake, added that the Sale

had taken out options on a further 12 aircraft. Vodafone added over 185,000 net new world-wide subscribers during the third calendar quarter of 1996. Analysts said the figures demonstrated the company had maintained its UK market share, kept pace with its overseas growth plans and successfully moved its analogue customers over to digital systems. The group now has a world-wide subscriber base approaching 3,500,000. In the UK, the subscriber base at the end of September was more than 2,655,000.

Bluebird Toys yesterday purchased for cancellation 3 million of its ordinary shares, representing 6.59 per cent of its issued share capital, at a price of 149.5p each.

German industrial output rose a seasonally adjusted 0.8 per cent in August from July and was up 0.7 per cent from a year cartier, after adjustment for the number of working days, the eco-





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A late buying surge pushed the Footsie to another record closing at 393.5p, above their grey-market price last week. A hefty 14 million shares whisker of the 4000 mark,

helped by strong gilts and fu-tures markets and benign economic data from the US. The index of leading shares closed at 3992.2, up 38.5, as

traders took their cue from a downbeat report from US purchasing managers that seemed to vindicate the Federal Reserve's recent decision to leave interest rates unaltered. Volumes were nothing spe-

cial, but many traders are convinced the 4,000 mark will be broken this week as cash-rich institutions seek to invest their money somewhere.

Imperial Tobacco could not have picked a better day to begin its demerged life outside the Hanson group. The shares had been ex-

pected to open at around 375p380p, but they celebrated their debut in the blue-chic in the debut in the blue-chip index by fence-related stocks were also

changed hands. The strong showing from Imperial lifted shares in BAT Industries, which finished 6p better 431.5p. Hanson, shorn of both Imperial and Millen-

nium, the Grimsby-based but New York-quoted chemicals business, fared less well, dipping 0.75p to 94.5p. Vickers had an eventful session. The shares soared to 297.5p in early exchanges amid rumours that BMW was about

to buy its Rolls-Royce luxury

In the event BMW issued a statement saying its Rover division and Chrysler had formed a 50:50 joint venture to invest \$500m in a new engine plant in South America. Vick-

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Footsie has 4,000 mark within its sights once again

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dustries up 16p to 808.5p and They will supply 38 Euro-They will supply 38 Euro-copter AS350BA Squirrel sin-TI Group 11p to the good at 593.5p while GKN added angle-engine and nine Beil 412 twin-engine helicopters. Serco's

other 27.5p to close at 1149p on further consideration of its German helicopter deal. But the biggest winner in the sector was Cobham, whose shares soared 37p to 669.5p in late trading on news that the Ministry of Defence had se-lected its FBS joint venture as the preferred bidder for a 15-

owned unit of Cobham, Bris-

year programme worth more than £400m to provide aircraft and personnel for a new defence helicopter flying school. FBS is an equal joint venture between FR Aviation, a wholly

shares moved 6.5p higher to 615p. Still in the skies, hopes that British Airways' proposed al-liance with American Airlines would get regulatory approval gave the shares wings and they rose 14.5p to 556.5p.

There was plenty of buying

ahead of companies reporting today. Bank of Scotland caught the eye, advancing 8p to 255.5p ahead of this morning's interim results. Pre-tax profits should come in around £300m versus £262m.

Elsewhere in financials, shares in National Westminster Bank gained 13p to 692p after ABN Amro Hoare Govett issued a buy note citing domestic cost-cutting measures and last month's debt securitisation.

Plant hire group Hewden Staart saw further buying ahead of its interim results today. NatWest is looking for pre-tax profits of £15.0m versus £19.7m last time and rates the shares, up 5p at 135.5p, a buy for an eventual recovery in UK

demand.

Further proof that there is no argument with a wall of money came yesterday when highly-rated pubs group JD Wetherspoon hit a record high on renewed American buying interest. One large US fund, Janus, now speaks for almost 20 per tent of the shares which added another 59p to 1109p. Bid talk has also resurfaced. Following last week's £96m Following last week's £96m acquisition of the Tom Cob-

leigh pubs chain by the re-vamped Rank Organisation, some investors feel it is only a matter of time before Wetherspoon loses its independence. in chemicals, Courtaulds

was weak as SBC Warburg changed its recommendation to hold from buy after the stock breached the broker's 480p

price target. The shares fell 2.5p to 478.5p.
Job cuts and big losses at de-partment store group House of Praser sent the shares tumbling 4.5n to 158 or But the shall don 4.5p to 158p. But the real dog of the day was that old stockpickers favourise. Pan Andean Resources. The shares collapsed by 74.5p to 40.5p on news of a drilling report that showed a potential oil well in Bolivia to be dry. US investors in particular are said to have got their fingers burnt. Last night Pan Andean played down the prospects of launch-ing a rights issue to fund the rest of the drilling programme.

TAKING STOCK

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Shares in Park Food, the Christman hamper group owned by the Everton football chairman, Peter Johnson, fell

to a four-year low.
Stuart Marks, who tried to,
buy Fark earlier this year, has been removed from the board of marketing services group Handling Solutions, a Park subsidiary.

Pisits for Mr Marks to buy back HSL, his old company, will not now proceed. Park ended 6p off at 67.5p.

film production services group, is paying \$3.5m for S&S, a Chicago-based hirer of audio-visual equipment. To fund the deal, Visual's

Kleinwort Benson is placing 4.1 million new shares in Visnal at 210p. The stock closed 5p up at

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Exchange inquiry into Pan Andean

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A Stock Exchange investigation was believed to have been launched into trading in the AIM-listed shares of Pan Andean Resources yesterday after they crashed by 74.5p to 40.5p following revelations that a key oil exploration well had come

The plummetting share price, which wiped £17.9m off the value of the company, came amid allegations that an unnamed broker had been given advance warning of yesterday's announcement after contacting the operator of the well, BHP Petroleum, part of the Australian BHP mineral group, on Monday, A Stock Exchange spokes-woman said officials had met

with Rowan Dartington, Pan Andean's nominated adviser, but refused to confirm that a formal investigation was under way. However, other sources confirmed that the Exchange would be looking at the share price movement after claims that I million shares were traded between Monday evening and Tuesday morning. The sudden fall in the price yeserday morning forced the roup to bring forward the

David Bramhill, a director of the company who said he had personally lost around £1m from the share price slump, claimed yesterday he knew who sold the shares. "I know who the person is. 1 know who the company is. We just rang the company and they told us." Shares in the Dublin-based

group, which is said to have 1,500 sharebolders, bave been run up from a low of around 9p last year to a high last month of over 135p on hopes for its drilling programme in Bolivia. Early indications suggested between 250 million and 1 billion barrels of oil, the size of a small North Sea field, might be

Yesterday's results were from the Todos Santos X-1 exploration well, the first in a series of 10 which BHP Petroleum had planned to drill over 10 years on Pan Andean's Chapare block. Mr Bramhill said: "The information we have received really gives no cause for despair. Far from it, the drilling programme

the cap rock Petaca sands were mammoth: over 1,000 feet thick. Normally the oil industry is happy if it is 60 feet thick". The prosity of the reservoir was also "excellent". Although there were indications of the presence of hydrocarbons, the side wall of the formation had been fractured, allowing the oil to migrate north east, Mr Bramhill said. BHP, which has already spent \$40m in advance of drilling the well, will now evaluate the results of the well over the rainy season. Mr Brambill said both BHP and Pan Andean, which bas a 20 per cent interest in the

He said the drilling found that

with the project. Ralph Singleton of Rowan Dartington added that there was no question of Pan Andean needing to mount a rights issue to finance the rest of the drilling

prospect, would be sticking

He has strengthened the manage-

take time to show through. Mr Coleman admits there might not be tangible evidence of improvement for a couple of years and in the meantime BZW's forecast of £16.5m profits, be-

Coleman gets the House in order

controls 45 per cent of the market. But

Mr Lawson shows an impressive com-mand of the business and the new as-

sets should belp consolidate the

Hanson share office

THE INVESTMENT COLUMN ever, lie in the Par East, which Watts has just re-entered with a joint venture

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Fraser, took the opportunity with fore a one-off hit of £50m to cover the recession in 1991. The shares accordalacrity yesterday and painted a bleak picture of unparalleled retailing inrationalisation, puts the shares on a competence. It was little wonder the punchy p/e ratio of 33. Asset backing shares closed 4.5p lower at 158p, 24p of maybe 120p and bid hopes might susbelow the price at which the business tain the shares but they have no fun-

damental attractions. Sell.

Watts hit by

German winter

Watts Blake Bearne, the world's biggest

was floated almost three years ago. The figures for the six months to July pretty much told the tale, even without Mr Coleman's embellishments. Gross profit of £102.3m on sales of £334.7m was wiped out by operating expenses. The closure of a single store, with its attendant property write-offs, cost another £6.7m and £4.4m of bank interest completed the depress-ing countdown to a £13.6m pre-tax loss latest building materials group to

One of the luxuries of taking on a bas-ket case is being able to slag off your

predecessors with impunity. John Cole-

man, new chief executive of House of

compared with a £4.3m deficit last year. Mr Coleman added some colour to those bald figures. Profits bave been sliding since flotation, market share is being handed over to John Lewis and Debenhams and the proportion of higher-margin own-bought sales (as op-posed to concessions) is in sharp decline. In summary, the new boss related, prior to his arrival House of Fraser had been failing its customers with poor service and merchandise, had little idea who its target market was. was a poor buyer, had poor stock control and madequate distribution.

If you are a sharebolder you might feel somewhat aggrieved that the picture painted yesterday bore no relation to the bright scene used to sell you your stake in 1994. You have been had, by the company and its advisers, and if it were not for the considerable asset

backing supporting the shares, the sit-uation might be rather worse.

That is history, however, and the flip-side of new chief executives clearing the decks is that they tend to paint an unduly black picture to make their progress look that much more impressive. Of more concern is Mr Coleman's strategy and whether it will work.

ment team with four new directors, he has done detailed research to find out who shops at the stores and bow better to serve them and be bas launched the first advertising campaign for three years not to focus on price dis-counts. Coming soon is a review of the cost base, the creation of buying briefs and a study of which of the 50 stores are unlikely to produce a decent return. All good stuff. But the benefits will

As well as its commanding position in Germany, Watts claims 60 per cent blame Germany for disappointing results. Severe winter weather meant of the UK market and 30 per cent in North America. The core Devon Clays operation did well to raise its profits, the group, whose specialist clay is albeit marginally, in view of the diffiused to make lavatories, sinks and tiles, culties faced by others involved in buildhad an almost non-existent first quarter in Germany.

The flat trading was compounded by previous overstocking of tiles by Italian producers, which led to a fall-off mg materials. It was helped by business won in unlikely new markets, including Lebanon, Turkey and Iran. Meanwhile, higher profits in the US suggest the business there is on the in demand for the German raw matemend. Plans to sell one or two of the five sites across the Atlantic will conrial. Together, the problems account-ed for the dip in pre-tax profits from £6.11m to £5.47m in the half-year to tinue the good work, although margins June, marring a four-year run of good remain less than balf the UK level. results since Watts emerged from the

HOUSE OF FRASER : AT A GLANCE

in Indonesia. Growth rates there and in Malaysia are typically in double figures as prosperity seeps out to the wider population. But the prospects are ingly dipped 5p to 510p yesterday.

ft was not an auspicious start for new chief executive Graham Lawson, who reflected in a forward multiple of 17. assuming profits of £10.2m this year, while a full bid from the private Belgian group Sibelco, which bolds 49.6 moved over from RTZ to take the reins per cent, looks unlikely. a year ago. Some may also question his July decision to add to the group's reserves in Germany, where it already

Boosey's great performance

position of what is a genuinely unique Yesterday's 30p rise to 792.5p brings shares in Boosey & Hawkes close to the all-time high of 813p bit last month after the musical instruments and publishing group announced a partial victory in its copyright dispute with Disney. Eventual success could bring a windfall of as high as £200m, according to some estimates, more than the group's total market value of

> But the wrangle will run until the middle of next year at least and yesterday's rise had more to do with an excellent set of results. Pre-tax profits jumped 21 per cent to £2.05m in the six months to June, with the interim dividend being hoisted a quarter to 1.91p.

> That was an impressive performance, given the sluggish economic background in France, Germany and Japan. The instrument division led the way with an 18 per cent rise in oper-ating profits to £1.52m. Boosey's strong brand names, which command around half the world market for woodwind instruments, enabled the group to lift

> prices by 2 to 3 per cent on average.
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> The music publishing and copyright side shrugged off a slight dip in music sales to raise profits 8.9 per cent to £1.78m. Bote & Bock, the German publisher acquired earlier this year, will not contribute until 1997, when Bocsey should also see the first benefits of last year's move to extend certain European copyrights by 20 years.
> But the immediate excitement lies

in last month's £17.9m acquisition of Rico, which dominates the world market for clarinet and saxopbone reeds and marks Boosey's first move into the US. The potential to leverage Rico's products off the group's worldwide sales operation could be substantial. But even if profits hit £7.1m this year, the shares would still stand on a beady multiple of 34. High enough for now, unless there is a bid from Carl Fischer, the US music publisher which controls 48 per cent.

Limelight set to float

City Editor

Limelight Group, owner of some of the best-known names in fitted kitchens and bathrooms, is planning a £180m stock market flotation that will net its founder and largest sbarebolder Stepben Boler £54m and leave him with a holding worth around £36m.

Limelight operates nationally through 555 showrooms trading under the Moben, Kitchens Direct, Dolphin and Portland names. Last year, the group made operating profits of £13.5m from sales of £134m. both of which were 12 per cent higher than in 1994.

pathfinder prospectus later this month and expects dealings in its sbares to commence in mid-

Stephen Boler, who currently owns 50 per cent of Limelight's shares, will reduce his holding to 20 per cent. He plans to stay with the company in a non-executive role. Andrew Thomas, executive chairman of Greenalls, as well as non-executive chairman of supermarket group Somerfield and a non-executive director of JJB Sports, was yesterday app-

ointed non-executive chairman. Limelight's other main shareholders include Schroder Ventures, which will reduce its holding from 27 per cent to

Limelight plans to issue its about 10 per cent and ADT, the car auctions and security group, which bolds 10 per cent and is expected to sell all of its stake.

Stephen Cotter, chief executive, said: "The planned flotation will provide an opportunity to invest in the leading national specialist retailer and manufacturer of fully fitted home improvement products. The £5bn bome improvement market remains highly fragmented and we see considerable opportunity for profitable growth through building on the strengths of our established brands."

Based mainly in the south of England, Limelight bas grown from 183 showrooms at the end of 1993 to the current 555.

IN BRIEF

Lloyd Thumpson, the insurance broker, made further advances in the year to June, but profits were hit by exceptional ilems of £16.2m which included a £4m provision in relation to Lloyd's rescue plan. Profits before exceptionals advanced o per cent to a record £21.6m. Pre-tax profits, after exceptionals, sbowed a fal from £20.4m to £5.3m. Earnings per share were 0.07p, down from 16.76p, but a final dividend of 7p raised the payout from 9p to 10p. Ken Carter, chief executive, said progress had been made across all operations in the first three months of the current year.

 The fight by Ennemix to remain independent against the hostile hid from Redland cost the company £850,000, casting a shadow over a return to the black at the operating level in the six months to June. Operating profits of £228,000 turned into pre-tax losses of £787,000, which compared with a £223,000 deficit in the same

 Frogmore Estates, the property company, said its net asset value fell from 473p to 454p in the year to June. The decline was attributable to falling values of retail properties and offices in London which bad leases close to expiring. The industrial property portfolio has been through sales of £235m. Housing investment, though, has been increased from £77m to £113m. Trading sales of £52m yielded profits of £33.6m. The final dividend rose from

 Ash & Lacy, the engineering group, boosted half-year profits by 62 per cent to £4.8m before tax, helped by the acquisition of C1. The company also offset the fall in copper prices, which reduced profits by £500,000. The interim dividend is being lifted

 MSB International, the information technology recruitment company, reported a 71 per cent surge in interim taxable profits to £2.35m on turnover ahead by 91 per cent to almost £30m. Earnings per share, excluding flotation costs, advanced from 4.8p to 7.9p. The maiden interim dividend is 2p.

 QS Holdings, the clothing retailer, saw interim pre-tax losses double to £1.5m due to difficult trading in the first quarter and cold weather in May. There is no interim dividend. However, the company said sales had improved since June.

 Chartwell International, which publishes books and magazines in Russian and is quoted on the Alternative Investment Market. lost £1.47m hefore tax on sales of £5.15m in the 11 months to

 Celtic Resources is having a 50 per cent stake for an undis-closed sum in a silver, lead and zine deposit in the Republic of Sakha, part of the Russian Federation.

Cardinal Business Group, the office equipment and overnight
parcels delivery company, was bit in the first half of the year by
£500,000 of compensation paid to two former main board directors
and a director of a subsidiary. Group pre-tax losses for the six
months to June deepened from £747,000 to £1.12m.

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Boostey & Hawles (II)	42.2m (40.5m)	2 05m (t.70m)	6 36p (5 1p)	1 91p (1 53p)
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Culver Holdings (f)	36 5m (27.9m)	0 06m (0.03m)	1.72p (0.73p)	3.25p (3.25p)
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Programore Estates (F)	147m (72 4m)	15.5m 14.9m)	18p (22.40)	19p (18p)
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Rat Pin (1)	1 06m (0.76m)	0.22m (0.20m)	4.59p (4.23p)	101-1
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NSB International (I)	30 Om (15.7m)	2 17m (1.37m)	7p (4 8p)	2 p (-)
os Heldings (1)	26.0m (24.3m)	-1.5m (-0.74m)	-0.54p (-1.26p)	nii (-)
Custry Sulware (I)	11.8m (10 1m)	-1.12m (0.81m)	-8.6p (9.2p)	nii (1.5p)
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European Leisure calls on shareholders for £11m to fund an expansion of its themed bars and snooker clubs

Sales by sector

reisure group rights issue

European Leisure, which was close to going to the wall a couple of years ago under a burgeoning mountain of debt, yesterday tapped shareholders for funds to accelerate the opening programme of its theme bars and Riley snooker clubs. It also announced plans to reduce the number of shares owned by its

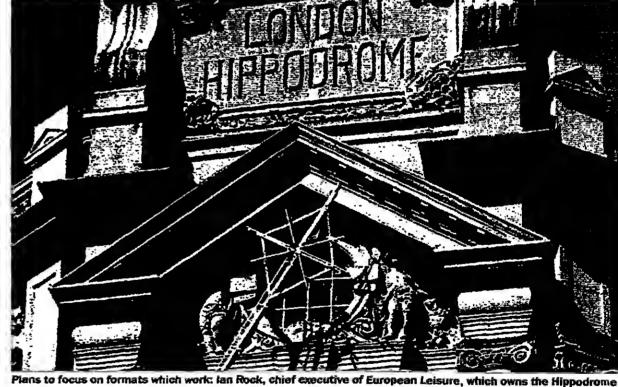
The company plans to double the number of its Liberty and Berlins venue bar formats with five new openings of each, taking total sites to 19. In addition, 10 further Riley's US Pool Lounge sites will be developed, taking total Riley sites to 64.

Some of the £11m rights issue will also be used for research and development of new fruit machines by its Maygay sub-sidiary, which is benefiting from gaming deregulation.

Commenting on the expansion plans, Ian Rock, chief executive of the company which is best known for its Hippodrome and Camden Palace nightclubs in London, said: "We will be focused about this expansion. These are formats which work so let's stick with them."

European Leisure's balance sheet is in considerably better shape than during the recession. a period when the company's financial problems were compounded by dwindling attendances at its venues.

Mr Rock expects gearing to drop from 85 to 56 per cent once the two-for-three rights issue at 145p per share is com-pleted, and other previously announced share conversions are taken into account. European Leisure's shares rose 4p to 169p on the news.



Boler gets out of the kitchen and into the desert

One of the key winners in the flotation of Limelight kitchens and bathrooms was not even in the country when it was announced vesterday.

Stephen Boler, the company's 53-year-old co-founder, was in the Kalahari desert in southern Africa, working on his latest project. Mr Boler, who will net around £50m from the Limelight float, is likely to invest at least part of those

funds in the development of a huge game reserve in the Kalahari. At the moment, Mr Boler is supervising work on the final stages of the park's development. Work started two years ago and involved the introduction of 3,000 head of game and the construction of a game lodge to accommodate 20 to 25 people. The idea is that safaris

park, though the capital is unlikely to be recovered. Mr Boler, who also owns a 13 per cent stake in Manchester City football club, retains a bouse in Cheshire and spends half his time

will cover the operating costs of the

in the UK. But he has clearly decided that the middle of the desert is the best place to be during Manchester City's continuing crisis.

Graham Lancaster, co-founder of the Biss Lancaster PR agency, has a new novel published by Hodder & Stoughton next week. Entitled "Grave Song", it is a thriller set

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against the theme of downsizing in a major corporation.

The protagonist is a senior

secretary who knows all the company's darkest secrets. When she is made redundant in one of the company's cost-cutting measures she decides that rather than go quietly she will do her utmost to bring her old company to its knees. The plot lead into a dark web of computer viruses and a derivatives

"It's an issue I feel strongly about and ought to be addressed," Mr Lancaster says.

"Major companies should think

about it a lot more than they do. The book is meant to be an enjoyable read but with a serious issue at its heart. I've dedicated it to the downsized everywhere."

lain Watters, the Falstaffian director at property group MEPC, is struggling to fill the pages of his charity foodie's book. The notion. you may recall, is to invite property bigwigs to submit their favourite meal for inclusion in the book but only if they stump up the required £1,000. The money goes to Centrepoint, the charity for the

At the moment, however, the publication will be more of a

pamphlet than a book as the property bonchos are failing to

come up with the readies.

Mr Watters wrote to more than 50 property chairmen and chief executives but has so far received positive responses from just seven. The hit list included the likes of Ron Spinney of Hammerson and John Ritblat of British Land. No doubt their cheques are in the post.

Graham Lawson, chief executive of Watts Blake Bearne, which produces clay for use in making lavatories and basins, is still smarting from a recent plumbing incident in the Ukraine.

On a recent visit to the former Soviet republic, be turned on the hot tap in his botel room only to find a borrid, brown sludge

Emerging
Judging by the reaction of the
botel staff to his complaint, this is perfectly normal.

"They asked me if the cold water was working OK, which it was. They then just shrugged their shoulders and said, 'What are you complaining about?"

Mr Lawson bad entertained vague notions of finding some Ukranian customers for his clay But the state of the local plumbing has made him think twice.

Sir Anthony Cleaver, the former IBM chief executive, is to become the chairman of management consultancy Strategic Partnership.

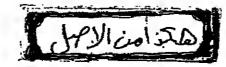
The consultancy belps businesses address the findings of the Royal Society of Arts's inquiry, called

"Tomorrow's Company". Also joining the board is Patrick McHugh, who is vice president of management consultancy. AT

Nigel Cope



Staphen Boler: May spend proceeds from Limelight on a game reserve



INDEPENDENT ON SUNDAY

INDEPENDENT FANTASY FOOTBALL

LATEST RESULTS AND TOP 50 TEAMS



Coday we publish the latest results in our Independent Fantasy Football game, supported by Philips Energy Saver Light Bulbs

Listed below you will find two scores. The Week 7 (Wk 7) column shows all points scored in matches played between Monday 23 - Sunday 29 September inclusive. The Overall (Ov) column shows the total amount of points scored in all matches played from Saturday 17 August - Sunday 29 September.

We are also publishing our Top 50 League table (see right). It lists the overall top scoring Independent Fantasy Football managers and their teams for matches played between Saturday 17 August - Sunday 22 September.

Results will be published every Wednesday in The Independent for all games played from the previous Monday to Sunday inclusive. They will also appear the following Sunday, in the Independent on Sunday.

The overall Top 50 League table will be printed every Wednesday and again on Sunday.

If your player of manager has been announced soon.



The overall winner at the end the ultimate prize - a trip to the plus the final. In addition, the of the season will be the entrant 1998 World Cup in France. The highest scoring team each month who has accrued more points than winner, plus companion, will see will win a pair of tickets to one any other Independent Fantasy all the action of a quarter-final of England's World Cup Football team in that time. Win and a semi-final of their choice, qualifying games at Wembley.

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he would still be down to ride said. "But I still don't think the 1,000 Guineas favourite at she would have won." the end of play. He looked a little less pleased with himself after the Group One race, The Irishman's mount, Dazzle, lost her position as favourite for the Classic after being set the sort of assignment that would have seen Hercules' towel being thrown into the ring. There are few adages that stand the passage of time in racing but one of the more pertinent is that

RICHARD EDMONDSON

reports from Newmarket

ously beneath his yellow-

you cannot give ground away in slowly run races, especially in high-quality ones. This rule seemed to escape Fallon though as he trotted along at the rear of the field. seemingly in the belief that the filly beneath him had the sort of acceleration to break the earth's gravitational pull. When

Dazzie indeed made np some ground on the horizon specks, but it was never going to be suf-ficient. She finished fourth, Kieren Fallon smiled generrimmed goggles before the Cheveley Park Stakes here yes-

beaten two and a half lengths. Fallon did offer some words in mitigation: "She did not re-Cheveley Park Stakes here yesterday, as befitted a jockey who knew that whatever happened he would still be deather to get her running into it." he

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Speedball (Salisbury 3.10) NB: Ink Pot (Newcastle 2.00)

Dazzle's trainer, Michael Stoute, is not a man to castigate his employees in public, but he had to compose himself before delivering his thoughts on the race. "Maybe she wasn't at her best today because she didn't ac-celerate," he said, "but I just felt she was left stranded at the back of the field. Knowing that they were going to kick down that hill and go, I would have wanted her to be a little closer than that." Then the trainer was off, before real thoughts could escape

Dazzie's defeat was doubly hurtful for punters as she was a 4-9 shot here and also 7-2 favourite for the 1,000 Guineas (she is now out to 12-1). For some reason, though, the bookmakers, who have been more than willing to discuss profit margins this week, did not com-

ment on the day's trading.

Reponse is positive as

Dazzle dallies in rear

These events left the antepost market in a dreadful immde and the market leader by default is now Henry Cecil's Sleepytime. She, too, was the victim of pilot error at Ascot on Sunday when Pat Eddery brought her run to a halt as effectively as if he had galloped the filly up a ramp and into a furniture wagon. Fallon will hope his, and Sleepytime's, traffic problems will be over next season when he takes up his post as Cecil's retained rider.

It was ironic in this atmosphere of troubled jockeyship that the Cheveley Park should go to the Frenchman who gets the same sort of reception that greeted William the Conqueror when he crosses the Channel Freddie Head's scrapbook of memorable British rides does not have too many entries but he was faultless here as he

charted the path of his sister Cri-quette's Pas De Reponse.

The trainer's pedigree in this race is incomparable as she has now won it three times from as many efforts following the victories of Ma Biche (1982) and Ravinella (1987), both of whom went on to 1,000 Guineas suc-

Mme Head went into the race professing that Pas De Reponse had minimal prospects of staying the mile of the Classic, but just over 70 seconds and a persuasive performance later the seed of expectation was flourishing in her mind. "Today, at the end, she was going away and you can win the Guineas with a horse that doesn't stay," she said. "Ma Biche didn't stay. And for me this filly is like Ravinella was in those early days and she has won the same races. I love to come here."

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Head girl: Pas De Reponse (2nd left) and Freddie Head stride clear from Moonlight Paradise (right) and Ocean

the pounce to the line arrived SALISBURY HYPERION 1.40 Crystal Hills 3.40 MR CUBE (nap) 2.10 Mardi Gras (nb) 4.10 Eshtiaai 2.40 Rock The Barney 4.40 Parea 5.10 Dacoit GOING: Good to Soft, STALLS: Straight — stands side; Im 2f — inside.

ORAW ADVANTAGE: High up to 1m.

Right-hand course, mainly uphill and testing.

Course is 3m SW of city off A3094, Salisbury station (London, Waterloo-Exster line)

3m. Bus service to course, ADMISSION: Members \$12,50; Tattersalis 58; Course Eaclosure \$4 (accompanied under 16s free all enclosures). CAR PARK: Prec. ■ LEADING TRAINGES WITH RUNNERS: R Hannon — 48 winners from 355 ronners gives a success ratio of 13.5% and a loss to a £1 level stake of £47.30; J Dumlop — 18

winners, 125 rumers, 15.2%, -520,55; P. Cole — 13 winners, 100 rumers, 15.1%, -5.19,14; 1 Balding — 14 winners, 120 runners, 11.7%, -5.54,26. ■ LRADING JOCKETS: J Reid — 27 winners, 192 rides, 14.1%, -5.47.30; L Dettori — 15 winners, 118 rides, 25%, +5.38.79; T Quinn — 24 winners, 177 rides, 13.6%, -5.56.65; Pat Eddery — 23 winners, 124 rides, 18.5%, -5.27.12. 8LINEERED FIRST TIME: Dyper Club (2.40); Bold Spring (visored) (4.10). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Mr Cube (3.40) wor at Folkesone on Friday. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: First And Steel (3.40) has been sent 153 miles by Bob Jones from Wickhambrook, Saffolk.
1.40 EBF MARLBOROUGH MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) (DIV I)

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12-1	Hartstei	m, 16-1 others	
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1		DECEMBER O Musey Smith 80	D Harrison 6
2	D	BEGRUNOM (12) P Chappie-Hyran 8 D.	
8	Ď	INDRUM (13) J Gosden 8 D	A.McGione 9
Ă	52	MARDE GRAS (18) (BF) J Duniop D D	Pat Eddery 3
3	06	MISTER JAY (34) PWINNI 80	Carrol 10
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05050-3 WAR REQUIREN (38) (C) R O'Sulfien 8 8 0
000-053 GRINGA (38) J Millins 3 8 8...
130050 STILDINO THIRITY (37) C Smith 4 8 8...
2-06235 NOTERING DOMEQ (44) W Musson 7 8 7...
1002215' SPERME TO GLORY (795) (C) P Haymand 0 8 5...
2-25540 BREEN, (INST) (46) K Burler 7 8 5...
0-000 SLEPARS (S) K Contringtom Bloom 3 8 4...
0-00530 MILEZ PARDO (13) R Rown 8 8 3...
013555 DOTS DIEC (46) J M Bradley 7 8 3...
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M Tobbatt 9	BETTING: 9-4 Speeched, 11.4 Hinglest Theore, 7-2 Hig Box, 9-2 lets Of Corregion, 7-2 Tombe, 18-1
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Neglical Times as 50 wises off for the 2½ lengths by which his beat Tombs at Doncester last time but he is such a consistent two year-old that he can be sended to confirm the form, especially on this ground. The gaing was soft when Magical Times was trumer-up at Doncester's Lincoln receiting in March and again when he won a Newmarket nursery. It remains to be seen how setEEDBMLL copes with a bit of out and Pat Eddery, who won on him at Newtury, whither to Magical Times today. But Speedball clearly has potential. Speedball readen who was given a boost when stableonate Sabins (third at Newtury) won easily at Bath in Monday, sale Of Corregition must put behind him poor performances at Thirst and Doncester, while sig seu might be pushed to cope with Magical Times on these terms and he has not as much noom for improvement as Speedball.

Selection: SPEEDBALL PORM GUIDE

E	3.40	GOLDING CHALKE HANDICAP (CLASS Penalty Value £3,600	E) £4,200 added 1m
1		GOOMERSHAM PARK (13) M Hoton-Ells 4 8 12	
2		RENALKS FRANCE (122) K Bute 3 9 11	
3	004350	PIONNI DE COOL (18) (CD) RANCHUEZ 3911	T Quing 11
4	033161	ASHBY HILL (19) (C) (D) R Rose 30 0	A Clark 10
5	40-0500	QUINTUS DECIMUS (22) 8 Meetisg 4 0 8	D Hardson 2
8		HELIOS (8) (CD) 2 Walter 8 9 8	

Ridge (left) in yesterday's Cheveley Park Stakes at Newm				
•7	0050	SOMERGIANS COURT (28) O Crappel 8 9 8	R 198- 19	
8		FLINT AND STEES, (180) Bob Jones 3 D 6.		
Ď		NORTHERN CELADON (47) (D) M Heston-Elia 588		
10		DEEVEE (82) (0) C.J Benstend 7 8 4	N Water 14	
		WHISPENING DAMN (187) (D) M Chennon 384		
		KAROV ROPOLE (TIG) M Carroon 594		
		WITHERBOXY (IA) R Hannon 391		
		DAMMATER (USA) (13) (D) O Haydo Jones 39 1		
		PREMIER GENERATION (26) () Abustrot 3 9 0		
		THAI MORNING (20) Phonis 3812	G Hind 4	
		PHOUD BEGADIER (7) (D) P Bunbine 889	D R McCabe 6	
		Mar ClinE (6) (D) J M Bradley 8 8 8		

SETTING: 5-1 Ashiny 193, 8-1 Florer Do Cool, 10-1 Mr Cube, 12-1 Withering, Hallos, 14-1 Gods shorn Fack, Thei Moraing, 16-1 others ASSEST HILL, won her fourth race of the season in the stawards' room at Goodwood, bettere is no doubt she would neve won with a clear run and it might pay to rely on this in proving mans even on the softer gound. Godnesshem has run two sound races under 10 but he is still a maidan and whether he can give sway the weight on this surface is sooth metter. We Cabe might prefer faster gound, too, but at least he escapes a penalty an winning on appreciation handicap at Folkence last week. From the Cool's forth-running with the previous lest year was on feet gound but he tolds nicely handicaped now, while Doeswa with of 1.6 behind Salfan at Newmarket in June suggests he is still capable of winning a rai and he is dropped 1.116 in the meantime. Whilepecing Down lacks a recent oung but it might be more at home than most on this easy ground.

Selection: ASHEY Hill

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4	.10	AUTUMN MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D 2YO 7f Penalty Value £3,477) (DIV I) £4,250 added
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ī	043362	NOLD SPRING (37) R Hannon Q D.	Bald 13 V
8		NUMBERS TRUTH (USA) & Charles 80	TSpaine 5
4	642250	EFFERNESCENCE (26) R Hennon D D	
3		ESHITIMAL (USA) / Dunlop 9 0	R Hm. 15
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8		SIR TALBOT & Hannon 8 0.	
D		TOP OF THE GREEN P Makin OD	
10	00	VELLAGE PUB (FR) (6) X Curningham-Brown 80	
ū	00	MARRING (20) M Chermon O D	Carroll 8
12		WAST BANGER RISAL (26) P Cole 9 0	
3	-	ACADEMY STAR 1 Fandrana 88	
14		CHICKAMANICA (USA) Balding 8 8	
15	0	CUBINA (25) & Bolding 8 D	S Drowne 7
16	ō	ENTICE (FR) (12) 8 Hils 88	Pet Sidery 14
17	. 3	FLYNNINY HEL (FIG (22) P Harris 89	6 Had 17
18	30	MORTHERN PASS (USA) (20) R Abel ust 8 8.	S Souther 4
19	-	WOODLAND NORTH 6 Murey Smith 88	D B McCabe 1

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HETTENG 4-1 Wang Ranger, 5-1 Great Colid, 6-1 Daming Trefts, 8-1 Eddjand, 10-1 Bold Spring, Chickentempt, 12-1 Epiton, 14-1 others

FORM GUIDE

This course is stiff enough at the best of times and becomes positively testing for these young horses when there is cut in the ground. ENTRCE might find things responding less quackly in the conditions then she did behind Etale on fest ground at Newbury on her debut. She was staying on at the finish and will have a bit more idea this time. Wase Ranger's two-race as perience is bound to be a big help. He shaped quite nicely when third to tradescreat over six furions; as York first time out and, eithough not besten that far behind Fartasstic Follow over an extra furiong there next time, he did not quite get home after showing planty of speed.

Things might be just that bit too tough for him today. Michael Scoute bringing his Denehall coil Genet Cabilla all the way from Newmarisct is a thin itself. A better draw would have helped, but the dam has thrown planty of winness and he is expected to give a good secount of himself. Peter Harris won this race last year with and his Flyaway HEL, racely drawn in 17, is bound to be a lot better for her run at Lingfield, where she was under three lengths behind.

EM	ode. She i	a tall filly who might be suited by a test of stamms i	here. This is a course where
4	Particus.	introduces some of his better two-year-olds and Ch	Calculation Calling
2.6	an eye c	n along with Burning Truth, a known Fact newcom	er, Selections Extrac
3	1.40	FONTHEL HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 ty Value £3,834	added 1m 2f Penal-
1		MAPPINGO (32) (C) I Cultura 3 9 10	
2	1066	QUOCE (25) Se Mark Present 3 8 7	Senders 3
3	636606	EWAR BOLD (8) K Committeen-Brown 3 9 7	
4	0.30	DANK TRUFFLE (82) Mrs J Cact 3 D 3	M Hats 14
5	550104	SISTAR ACT 1D) (D) M Creenon 3 9 8	Carroll 7
Ř	5-00320	SHAHER (USA) (25) O Hayon Jones 6 9 6	R Hills 9
7	030-	PEPPERS (345) K Burle 3.9.3.	D Hendson 15
8	532320	PRINCESS DANIELLE (14) (CD) WMLr 404	J Reid 12
9	542210	7WO SOCKS (46) (BF) P Burgoyne 3 0 3	D R MoCabe S
10	03805	STACKATIACK (25) P Webber 393	Denty O'Neill 1
11	012235	PAREA (USA) (52) (0) (89) J Dunlop 3 D 3	Pat Eddery 17
12	111350	MAZILLA (8) (0) A Streeter 4 D 1	
13	000	EL PRESIDENTE (21) G Engla 300	A McDone 12
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16	331150	BAUGERS DAUGHTER (20) (D) J Aprold 48 13	A Clark 11
17	6-40400	NOVAN NECTAR (ZE) G Baking 38 12	5 Drowne 10
18	0040	EMBER (97) R Pridge 3 8 12	16 minus 16
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		FORM GUIDE	
No	tongham.	started to get into the ground when SISTAR ACT back in April. She has improved quite a bit since they	, beating Parsa (3th worse
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Int over a mile and a quarter at Yarmouth along the way, and will be happer returning to this ting staying on in fourth behind Superior Force over 8 mile at Sandown last time, Mazilla went through a golden spell in the summer, culminating in 8 half-length and length-and-a-quarter befeat of Divine and Paras over this ting at Yarmouth in early August, Mazilla's first run back following 8 break, tith of 19 to Thatched over an extended mile at Beverley, was quite promising and it may be she was out again too soon when down the field at Nottinghern skt days letter. She is weighted to bast Paras again and it may depend who handles this easier groundt. There was our in the ground when Princiace Develope be at it statementalment (Sib better off) by half a length in this race last year and it was noting soft when she ran Ground Gerne to half a length at Ripon at the end of August.

Selection: SISTAR ACT

5.10	AUTUMN MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) (2YO 7F Penalty Value £3,477	(DIV II) £4,250 adde
1	AMENT MULDER P CINCH 80	
2 6	AL Bill (25) L Carrers 8 0	
3	BRAVE ENVOY M Houses-Elis 80	
	CHIEF PREDATOR (DEA) (20) R Hannon D O	Carroll S
3	CRIMSON TIDE 1 HAS 9 0	
8	DACOIT (USA) M Sicuto 9 0	
7	KAFIL (USA) H Thomson Jones 9 0	R HR
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GOING: Good to Firm.

Right-band, undulating course.

Course is 5m SW of Exeter on ASS.

ADMISSION: Grandstand & Paddock
SD: Silver Ring 54.50. CAR PARK: 52 on rails; 52 members; remainder free.

ELINEBRED FIRST TIME: Doctor Green (visured, 2.15), Still Here (visored, 2.15); Secret Serenade (2.43); Lilac 2.15); Secret. Sevenade (2.43); Idiac Rain (visored, 2.45). WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: Nong. LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Tablets Of Stone (2.15) & Unikhario (3.15) have heen sent. 159 miles by J Bosley from Emission Liste. Oxfordshire.

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- 7 doctored -Down Choice Set 11th, Tango's Delight Set 72t. BEXTING: 2 Nordic Valley, 3 Physicol Lan, Lales Of Longitree, 7 Rex To The Rescue, 6 others 4.45 HANDICAP HURDLE (D) £3,750 2m 3f

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BETTHE 3-1 Out Ranking, 4-1 Lessons Lass,
5-1 Born To Please, 7-4 Gold Madai, 8-1 Dominion's Desire, 10-1 Prerogative, 22-1 others A team of Australian jump jockeys will compete against top British and Irish riders at Ludlow and Huntingdon next week. The British team will be selected from Graham Bradley, David Bridgwater, Carl Liewellyn, Jamie Osborne, Warren Marston and Chris Maude. The frish side will be taken from Derek Byrne, Richard Dun-woody, Mick Fitzgerald, Adrian Maguire, Jason Titley and Norman Williamson. 2.20 Gold Edge 2.50 Supply And Demand 3. Bold Oriental 3.50 Matthias Mystique 4.20 Do Drop Bombs 4.50 Carmarthen Bay 5.20 Zilck GOING: Good to Soft. STALLS: Im 2f. im 4f - outside; rest - in DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low for 8f & 6L

Left-band, U-shaped counte, undulating and sharp.

Counte is E of town, Station Im. ADMISSION: Clob £12; termile £8; Siver Ring £4 (inc £4 per car). CAR PARK: Pre BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Northern 6th (2.20; Heart Fei Soud (3.20), Silout Valley (2.20); Perfect 6th (3.50); The 6 Weater (4.50); Middly Cowboy (5.20). WINNEES IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: Bold Original (3.20) to Goodwood on Thursday. LONG-DESTANCE RUNNERS: Cased Up (4.20) has been sent miles by P D Evans from Leighton. Powys. 2.20 FINAL SELLING STAKES (CLASS £3,000 added 270 5 405000 CRSTLE HOUSE (28) (50) J Neimart 8 2 _____ 6 Instead 6
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20 604000 PANK REDGE (23) T MBs 483
METTING: 9-2 Kdetal Brosse, 6-1 Wet Patch, Gleed Up, 5-1 Don't Drop
Bombs, 10-1 Hold Enough, 12-1 Princely Affair, 14-1 others
4.50 EASTBOURNE LIMITED STAKES (CLASS
4,5U F) £3,450 added 3YO 1m
F/ 23/100 GROUN OLD THE

-6 declared -BETUNE 7-2 Convertien Boy, 4-1 Marrie, 8-2 Classic Seasty, 8-1 Just 160s, 11-2 Prima Volta, 6-1 Manualis Deer, 7-1 others 5.20 HANNINGTONS MACHILLAN APPEAL

MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 1m

NEW CASTLE	3.30 BOLLINGER SERIES HANDICAP (CLASS
	1 304640 MONTONE (S) (D) Janiers 312 0 Dr M Manish (49 9 V
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5.00 Go With The Wind	8 214000 GREAT BEAR (5) (CD) O Chapman 4 10 10. Mr 7 McCarthy 8 7 000060 REZAAL (30) R Allan 3 10 0
GOING: Good to Firm. STALLS: Straight course & 2m - stands' side; round course - incide.	8 400-005 CHALKY DANCER (12) H Collegings 4.9 13 Mr P Clone (4) 5 D 053040 LANGTONIAN (38) (0) J L Eym 7.9 10 Mr M 8 Naughtur 4.8
DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 5f to 7f on straight course; low for	10 000000 PEACEFULL REPLY (5) F Leo 6 9 9 Mr C Watson (4) 7
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Course on Al, 5m N of town. Metro service to Four Lane Ends	BETTING: 9-4 Sir Arther Hobbs, 3-1 Murphy's Gold, 4-1 Thatched, 7-1 Sec-
(\$2 for OAPs and registered distabled), CAR PARK: Prec.	onds Assay, 10-1 Peaceful Reply, Chalky Dencer, 10-1 Arak, 20-1 others
SIST CHAPTER.	4.00 GATESHEAD LIMITED STAKES (CLASS D)
	£5,100 added ?f 1 012240 RESTON POND (11) (D) Mrs V Acoricy 88 2
HANKERED FIRST TIME: Withmore (2:30), Saint Express (4:30). WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DATS: None.	2 0-31000 GREEN DOPPER (39) (C) M Bell 3 9 6
LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Busters Prophets (4.30) has	8 526300 1000TTY HELL (37) R Coops 4 8 0
heen stat 306 miles by T.J Namehton from Epsons. Surrey.	- 4 declared -
2.00 EBF FUND HERBURN MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,750 added 2YO 1m	BEYING: 6-4 Divine Quart, 2-1 Keston Pond, 7-2 Green Suppor, 11-2 Knotly Hill
1 05 MWWOL M1 8 Herby 80	4.30 JARROW SPRINT HANDICAP (CLASS D)
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8 4 RECOURSE (19) H Cool 9 6	1 550000 EASTERN PROPRETS (102) (0) T / Naugron 39 13 J Wester 13 2 200133 PORTSLET (15) (0) (0) 9 9 Guest 4 9 12 J 6 Smith (5) 11
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7 04 KAFAF (25) J Gostien 8.9	5 131231 PALACEGAZE TOUCH (15) (D) J Bury 886 B Carter 8 B
- 7 declared - PETENS: 7-4 Kullef, 5-2 init Pol, 4-1 Recourse, 21-2 Our Paople, 7-1 Strae-	8 020350 INSIDER TRADER (12) (D RF) Mrs. J. Remaint 5.9 5 J. Fortune 1 7 000000 CHESKY CHAPPY (4) (D) 6 Chapman 5.0 1 R Coclumne 4.6
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1 8 DESIDAS IN GOOD MICK CHO M WEDSENS 8 11 G PRINT (N) 6 II	Express, 8-1. Palacegate Touch, Insider Trader, 10-1, others
7 0402 JULIETTA MAA (22) 8 HH; 8 11 D Smith (5) 2 8 530 KETY GNLORE (47) M Dods 8 11 C Tengine (3) 4	5.00 HOLYSTONE HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3YO 2m
8 500 MARESONA (SSI) Don Eraca Incest 8 11	added 3YO 2m
- 9 declared - BETTING: 7-2 Julietta Mia, 4-1 in Good Nick, Going For Broke, 9-2 Zor-	1 0445 DESERT DUNES (32) N Graham 9 7
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	4 310422 PORGE (45) P Caher 8 10 M Sheb 6 3 40-0000 CAREFIA (27) 8 H/G 8 2 J Stack 3
	8 5000-34 AZTEC FLYER (13) Mrs M Revoley 8 0 L Charrock 2
1 4 DANESME (26) (RF) N Calagren 80R Cockman 3	8 DODGED HORTHERN MOTTO MON W Story ; 12 N Marter (2) 4
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5 0362 (QMMH) (19) Sasad bin Susper 9 0	- 11 declared -
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33-I Helio There	Get Wings, 7-1 Desert Denos, 8-1 Mister Aspecto, Axiac Flyer, 10-1 others

Cliche one of 29 in Arc

Dettori's possible Prix de l'Arc firmed that he would switch to de Triomphe mount after yes- the John Gosden-trained terday's first forfeit stage in which the Ascot Gold Cup winner remained one of 29 left in Sunday's big race. Godolphin's racing manager, Simon Crisford, said: "Classic Cliche all year because of fast ground. He was being aimed for the Gooffrey Freet Stakes but was cantered this morning and was bright. He is scheduled to do some more work before we officey Freer Stakes but was pulled out because of a corn. It's a tough race to come back

Classic Cliche remains Frankie Meanwhile, Dettori coninto but we'll give it a go."



Control of the game - at boardroom and touchline level - is no longer the preserve of men. In part two of our series, Phil Shaw meets a determined chairman while Adam Szreter talks to one member of a card-carrying élite

angerine feminist in charge

travelled on the Blackpool leam bus, the then-manager. Sam Ellis, took her to one side. He had no objection to the chairman's wife and deputy riding with the lads, hut what about the, er, industrial language? "Don't worry," she said. "I'll try not to use any."

grandees feel the need to bite their lips in the Blackpool hourdroom, it is probably not because they have let an expletive slip out. Now that Mrs Oyston has become chairman in the ab-

sence of her husband Owen, who is serving a six-year prison sentence for rape. Bloom-field Road is not the most raciful place to complain about defenders "tackling like women" or to deride a striker as "a hig girl's hlouse".

The influence of the socalled weaker 'i don't use sex runs deeper feminine wiles at Blackpool than at any club in the country. because I haven't Owen's baby, but Mrs Oyston: got any. I just board includes Jill Bridge, the behave as managing director, and Rebeca Bingham, naturally as I can' wife of the former Northern

Ireland manag-Blackpool chairman er, Billy (their director of foot-

hall). They are joined by Carol She encountered similar prej-Banks, the company secretary. udice at Bradford City, yet per-Even the l'amous tangerine ceives changed attitudes at both shirts bear the legend "Rebee-clubs and within the game generally. During last week's match ca's." after the jewellers who at Chelsea, the home vice chairsponsor the team. man, Matthew Harding, asked if he could sit with the Black-It is rather harder to label Vicki Oyston, who has the kind pool women "because you seem of contradictory profile which defics stereotyping. A finalist in

to be having so much fun". "If I do get patronised, it's usually by the people on the door. They'll say, 'Hello, Mr Chadwick, Hello, Mr Wilde. the Miss Great Britain contest of 1962, she now classes herself as a feminist. Parallel to her life as a husinesswoman, working and then 'Hello, dear,' to me. In-hour days on the Oyston When I'd arrived with Owen Group's media, property, investment and farming interests, she has a history of hacking some people took it for granted I was just an appendage with left-wing causes and a backnothing to say, though that's not

ground in teaching. peculiar to football." There is an even more strik-Pockets of sexism remain. Being contrast. This softly spoken. fore Blackpool last played at Port Vale, the Potteries club vegetarian grandmother of 56 rang to warn them that she was may have accepted that her not welcome in their hoardhusband is an adulterer. Yet she is convinced that he has room. "Our directors decided

sage he first time Vicki Oyston never raped anyone and campaigns vigorously for his release

Having chosen some "good. responsible women" to run the club, she has followed since the age of eight, Vicki Ovston is able to limit her involvement as League foothall's first female chairman to two and a half days These days, if visiting a week. "I didn't feel I had to strike a blow by calling myself 'chairwoman,'" she says. "I've got the job, I enjoy it, and Owen reckons I should keep it. But the title is irrelevant.

Her only contemporary,

Paula O'Halloran. of Barry Town, insists on vetting every potential signing and actually washes the team's strip. "I am not handson in that respect," Mrs Oyston laughs. "I watch the finances. I watch

the commercial side and I watch the foothall." Blackpool plan to move into a £50m superstadium within two years. "It's I'd love to make

il a reality. Shortly after becoming a di-rector. nine years ago, she was stunned to

Vicki Oyston the Tranmere boardroom because of her sex.

lead to temptation and for Val Andrews it proved too much to resist. Having followed her local club, Wimbledon, with her father and brother, she began playing at 16. By the age of 20 she was a qualified referee and in 1988 she became a Class I official and only the second woman to join the list of the

Now 35, she kept playing until two years ago, when she also stopped run-ning the line in the Isthmian League. Being in charge of a decorating b ness, serving as secretary of her local referees' society and as an examiner eventually took priority, although she

"I enjoyed the five years I was on at that level," she says. As you might expect, she still has vivid memories of ber first game in charge. "It was the by well up until about two or three minutes to go when there was a mass riot.

were doing. There are some players can't accept it. It's because of the way there suddenly being a mass influx of

got comments like are not going to take it from a woman.

"I'm not going to take that from my wife, so I'm not taking it from you"

Val Andrews

"When I first started it was a

I got comments like, 'I'm not going to take that from my wife, so I'm not go-ing to take it from you.' You deal with

the letter of the law. "Once or twice I've had a bit of abuse from spectators whilst lining, but you tend to switch off. I went to one ground where it was totally over the top but it only happens now and then, thank goodness.

'It's a question of making people believe that you're capable of doing the job as well as men. There are still those of the old school who have been we're any better than men, but we can be on an equal par."

Advantages, there are a few, but then again... "Possibly you get a lit-tle less back chat from players, you get the language curbed, from what i can gather. You get players apologising for swearing sometimes. I don't think that's a bad thing for the game. And you get some people who might not give you certain bassle that they

would give a man. "But I think it's going to remain a minority thing for women, it's much easier for men to get into than women. They bayen't got children at home to look after, possibly, or are in the



Riots, fouls but fewer foul words

t a time when referees are being scrutinised more microscopically and criticised more beavily than ever before, perhaps it is no surprise to find so few women involved in officiating at any level: as men are constantly reminded, women generally have more sense, and this must be proof.

But for some, the love of football can Isthmian League, one step down from the Vauxhall Conference.

not to tell me in case I got bol-

shie, and nobody passed on the

message. So I sailed in and

couldn't understand why every-

one was ignoring me. It was

sheer had manners and I was

quite upset. I wrote to their

chairman hut never received a

reply."
Within the Second Division

club itself, Mrs Oyston is such a

familiar figure that gender is not

an issue. One of her first tasks

on taking control this summer

was to dismiss the manager.

Sam Allardyce, "I don't think

Sam had a problem with being

sacked by a woman, though I had

bursting with laughter at their

own boldness. "I'm an older

woman," she reasons, "more of

Despite her previous incar-

nation as a beauty queen, Mrs Oyston laughs off the idea that

she might employ fluttering

eyclashes to get her way in a ma-

cho sport. "I don't use feminine

wiles because I haven't got any.

I just behave as naturally as I can

and get on with it. But I am

uations where a woman's touch

Surely, though, there are sit-

a mother figure." .

week I qualified. I was thrown in at the deep end on a Wimbledon District Premier game when the referee didn't turn up. It was my brother's team. Everything, I thought, was going fair-Thankfully I managed to sort it out. who are quite bappy to shut up and they've been brought up. I don't think female officials."

one sacking someone I had a be greeted by a naked squad

question of being accepted by the play-

the label: Vicki Ovston em-

braces it. "Definitely, in the

sense that women can achieve

anything they want to rather

than in the sense of getting

steamed up about unimpor-

tant things like being called

'chairwoman'. Karren is a fem-

nity would no doubt argue

that such "ladies" are not ac-

tually in foothall, merely on the

administrative periphery. Mrs

O. as Sam Ellis used to call her.

is confident that will not always

be the case: that The Man-

agercss. Channel 4's "what if?"

The male chauvinist frater-

inist, whether she likes it or not."

drama series, could one day be-

come reality. "I loved that programme," she recalls, "Me and Gill, my MD. often argue about this. She always says there'll never be a female manager, but I say there will, because the role is changing. They used to run the whole thing, but now they're more team coaches, with other people

controlling the financial side. "Some of the most successful managers have had little or no experience as a top-class player. So I really can't see why a woman shouldn't eventually do the job.

Rusedski and Smith hit the heights

Tennis

The British No 2 Greg Rusedski, and Sam Smith, the 24-yearold Essex player, both gained outstanding victories yesterday. The left-handed Rusedski.

whose world ranking sank to 84 the previous day, enjoyed one of the best victories of his career when he trounced the fifthseeded Australian Todd Woodhridge - ranked 34th - 6-3, 6-1 in the first round of the Heineken Open in Singapore. And Smith, ranked 214th in

the world, beat Sweden's Asa Carlsson, ranked 46th, 6-2, 7-6 in the first round of the Sparkassen Cup in Leipzig. The Essex player led 5-2 in the secend set, missed a match point in the eighth game and trailed 2-4 in the tie-hreak before clinching her best victory of the year. Now she is certain to move up from No 3 to No 1 in Britain.

Steffi Graf needed just 40 minutes to destroy the American Kimberly Po 6-0, 6-1 yesterday at the Leipzig Open - her first match in Germany since her father went on trial for tax evasion.

At the post-match news conference, the world No 1, now through to the quarter-finals, refused to comment on her father's trial, saying only. "Sometimes I do find it hard to concentrate, but somehow I always manage."

Schumacher sorry not to partner Hill

good relationship with and who

She recounts how his suc-

cessor, Gary Megson, drew a

diagram peopcred with ar-

rows to appraise her of the

gaps in Blackpool's system. "I

only worry was how much it

was going to cost us to put it

ad no trouble following it. My

Like the power-dressing man-

aging director of Birmingham

City, Karren Brady, Vicki Oys-

ton sends words ahead when she

wants to visit the dressing-room.

had worked so hard."

Motor racing

Jordan-Peugeot's new acquisition. Ralf Schumacher, said vesterday that he is disappointed he will not be learning about Formula One next season from his older hrother's rival, Damon Hill.

Hill, who is one point away from clinching this year's World hampionship, was widely tipped to he going to Jordan after Williams dropped him from their 1997 line-up, hur the

First Division

1 Bradford v Southend

2 Charlton v Barnsley

3 Grimsby v OPR

Wolverhampion v Reading

7 Brentford v Rotherhom.

9 Burnley v Stockport .

13 Luton v Watsall ...

24 Plymouth v Milwell..

Also playing (not on coupons): Odord Utol v Bolton.

Playing Friday: Tranmere v Portsmouth

Playing Sunday: Crystal Palace v Sheffield United.

*8 Bristol Rovers v Crewe Alexandra (Void) ...

11 Chesterfield v Bristol City1

Playing Friday: *Bristol Rovers > Crewe.

Briton surprised everyone last week by announcing he was joining the rejuvenated Arrows

"I'm really disappointed about his decision, but I guess it's about money," said Schumacher, the 21-year-old brother of the current world champion, Michael Schumacher, "Maybe he doesn't like Schumachers, I don't know," he said during a break from his first proper testing session for Jordan at the Estoril circuit. Jordan has still to announce

WEEKEND FIXTURES AND POOLS FORECAST

19 Cambridge Utd v Hartiepool

20 Carliste v Mansfield ...

*21 Chester v Cardiff

25 Hull v Scurthorpe ...

26 Lincoln v Eveter

22 Darlington v Rochdale ...

24 Hereford v Scarborough

27 Northampton v Fulham.....

*Pools panel will adjudicate

GM Vauxhall Conference

29 Hednesford v Famborough

31 Rushden & D'monds v Welling.

30 Northwich v Dover ...

33 Stalybridge v Kettering .

34 Stevenage v Southport.

23 Doncaster v Leyton Orient

Playing Friday (not on coupons): Swansea v Colchester.

Third Division

and the German said he would like to see British veteran and current Jordan driver Martin Brundle stay on because of his experience with the Silverstone-

based team. Schumacher said that so far, Michael - who also started his Formula One career with Jordan - had given him plenty of advice, although that might stop next year when they meet on the track. He claimed his performance

on Japan's F3000 circuit, which

Scottish League

36 Airdne v St Mirren

36 East Fife v Falking.

40 Brechin v Berwick

41. Dumbarton v Ayr

42 Livingston v Clyde

Taird Division

45 Albion v Montrose

47 Forfar v Cowdenbeath .

48 Queen's Park v Alloa

39 Greenock Morton v Partick .

43 Stenhousemust v Hamilton

44 Stranger v Oveen of South.

48 East Stirling v Ross County

48 Inverness C. Thratte v Arbroath.

Pive aways: Port Vale, Netts Courty, Watford Fulham, Hamilton.

Ten tomes: Bradford, Wolverhampton, Brent-ford, Gillingham, Preston North End, Barnet, Lincoln, Slough, Dundee, Forfer,

Also playing (not on coupons): Stiring v

First Division

Schumacher's 1997 team-mate he currently leads, was more immula One.

Feetball

clever.

Unlike La Brady, she has yet to can open doors? "Being fe-

portant than the Schumacher name in getting him into For-

"In my first meeting with Formula One, they told me: You either race fast or you stay at home," he said. Eddie Jordan, the team owner who attended the tests, said

one of his main reasons for hiring Schumacher was the team's past success with young drivers. Michael Schumacher, now at Ferrari, began his meteoric rise at Jordan in 1991 before a con-

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NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE
FIRST DIVISION

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP

SEMI-FINAL
Strammer v Monton.
PA CUP Second qualitying round replays: Bilingham Synthona v Lagin RMt; Corby v Bilencay
(7.45); Balooch v Steverage Borugh (7.45); Marrow
Borough v Daspinham & Redindige (7.45); Marrow
Borough v Daspinham & Redindige (7.45); Marrow
Fat Investigation for ficiliting ineightic player).
UNISONO LEIGHE Premier Division: Accingtion Stanley o Chorley: Behop Aud-Vend v Guesley, Mnoveley v Whistond Unit. Challenge: Cup first
round: Boofford Park Avenue v Agricon Unit. Droyleden v Wermigen.

GEN Y WATTINGTON.
MORTH WEST COUNTES LEAGUE First DIVI-sions Kidsgrove v St. Helens.
UNIDET SUBSEX COUNTY LEAGUE First DIVI-sions Mile Oak & Shortham ("1.15); Three Bridges wick, John Others League Cup sec-ond round: Whitehaws v Withdean.

Bradford City v Swindo QPR v Port Vale

SECOND DIVISION

troversial mid-season move to Benetton, although the younger Schumacher said he felt he would be happy merely easing into Formula One at Jordan.

"There is not so much pres

male is never an advantage.

Never. If anything, people ex-pect us to be pliable or gullible.

Sometimes we have to lay down

a harder line than a man would

ties that women bring to her

club, she admits it is hard to be

specific. "Maybe we don't get

angry the way men do. We try

to get on well with everybody.

whereas they tend to he

supposed to be cowed by con-flict. Karren Brady has been at

pains to distance herself from

Feminists, of course, are not

confrontational.

Pressed to define the quali-

in similar circumstances."

sure," he said. "If you go to Williams, you have to win the championship."

Jordan's present drivers, Rubens Barrichello of Brazil and Brundle, are in eighth and 12th places in the drivers' tables with one race to go in Japan on 13 October. The Jordan team is fifth in the constructors' race

TODAY'S FIXTURES

welt Cormy v Centaers Bay: Ebbw Vale v Barry; Weldfopool v Celetaers.

pONTENS LEAGUE Premier Division: Berningharn v Oldram (7.1.5); Leeds v Transfere (7.0); Nottingham Forest v Blackburn (7.0). First Division: Baskpool v Sunderstant (7.0); Covernity v Sheffsen Usd (7.0); Notts County v Huddersfield (7.0); West Berninghout Prestin (7.0). Seesed Division: Barrisley v Rothertram (7.0); Cartisle v York (7.0); Marrisled v Hull (7.0); Streewsbury v Burriery (7.0); Stockport v Marrislaster Chv (6.4%). Third Division: Chesteried v Chross (7.0); Dentesser v Stockport (7.0); Stockport v Marrislaster (7.0); Dentesser v Stockport (7.0); Stockport v Marrislaster Chv (AVO).

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Rughy Union

ANGLO WELSH CUP POOL 1B: Cardiff v Sale postponedi. Pool 2A: Gloucester v Dunvan (7.30). Pool 1B: Swensea v Harlegum

Speedway PREMIER LEAGUE: Crackey Health & Stoke v Exeter (at Stoke, 7.45). CHALLENGE: Hull y Scandings Other sports

the popularity of the Wembley

British trio to clock up their air miles

Equestrianism GENEVIEVE MURPHY

Three members of the British Olympic team - John Whitaker. Nick Skelton and Geoff Billing-

ton-will be commuting between The Horse of the Year Show at Wembley and Paul Schockcmöhle's show at Bremen in Germany at the end of the week. A private plane has been

booked to fly the British trio from Luton to Bremen on Thursday and Sunday mornings. returning the same day for the big evening classes at Wembley.

When the initial arrangements were made, the Golden Saddle Grand Prix at Wembley was the last competition on Sunday evening. It has since heen moved to the start of the evening programme which, according to Whitaker, will "make the timing a hit tight". Whitaker and Billington will

have their Olympic mounts. Welham and II's Otto, in Bremen. Skelton will have Dollar Girl the mare he rode into third place in this year's Volvo World Cup final. There was no agonising over the decision. The top prize at Wemhley is £7.500 - compared with £40,000 at Bremen, which is where the top horses will obviously be.

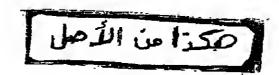
The great efforts to recapture

show, which begins its five-day run this morning, should nevertheless pay worthwhile dividends. The Cadre Noir, the French National School of Equitation, will be giving their wonderful displays of classical riding on the last three days of the show. There will also be a qualitier for the Volvo World Cup Dressage, a freestyle to music

contest, on Sunday. The organisers are hoping that improved facilities and presentation will help them to attract a major sponsor, which would then make it possible to increase the show jumping prizes. The show already has a new date for next year; it will run from 24 to 28 September to avoid another clash with Bremen

> TODAY'S NUMBER

The number of former Arsenal management staff now at Queen's Park Rangers. Steve Burtenshaw yesterday completed the triumvirate when he took over as QPR's chief scout under the new manager, Stewart Houston, and his assistant, Bruce Rioch.



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Newcastle pair 'ideal for England'

Football

Alan Shearer has told Glenn Hoddle that his Newcastle United striking partnership with Les Ferdinand could propel England to World Cup qualifi-

The £21m pair both scored -Ferdinand twice - as Newcastle moved up to second place in the Premiership with a 4-3 victory over Aston Villa at St James' Park on Monday night.

As well as the goals, the strike force that Kevin Keegan hrought to Newcastle in the hope that they would help to end a 70-year wait for the championship gave the potential England centre-back pairing of Gareth Southgate and Ugo Ehiogu a torrid time.

When asked about their international prospects, Shearer said: "We can't do any more. We have both been playing rea-sonably well and both been scoring goals. That's all we can do at cluh level and now both of us have to hope that we get the call. But the rest is now up to the manager. Only he can answer the question of whether we will play together for England and only he can decide."

Shearer, the £15m man who was made England captain he-fore the opening World Cup qualifying win in Moldova last month, has scored five goals in his hlack and white No 9 shirt after returning "home" from Blackburn in the summer.

His place in Hoddle's selection is nut in doubt, but Ferdinand needs performances like Monday night's to put him uppermost in the England coach's thoughts. The double against Villa took his tally for the campaign to eight in nine marches and he looks the perfect foil for the most important thing. The Shearer, making nonsense of goals were just a boous.

early-season suggestions by critics that they were an unsuitable pairing for club or country.

Keegan was naturally de-lighted with their showing. Their partnership up from looked everything I knew it could be," the Newcastle manager said. "Alan's arrival has helped take some of the burden off Les, who was absolutely superb. It wasn't just his two goals he will always get goals -it was his work-rate that stood out." Ehiogu has also joined the

Shearer-Ferdinand fan cluh and admitted he was relieved that he does not face such power every week. Villa's captain said: "We won't come up against the likes of those two very often and Γm glad because they are something special. We helped them with some indifferent defending, but you've got to give them credit be-cause they took full advantage."

However, scoring honours on the night went to Aston Villa's Dwight Yorke. The Tobagan striker went into the game without a goal this season after scoring 25 in all competitions last term. He looked back to his best against Newcastle, hitting a hrilliant hat-trick, having another late strike ruled out by a marginal offside decision and also hitting the post. Ehiogu said: "His goals

showed what a good finisher he is and it's nice to see him finding the net again hecause he is' such an important player for us."
It was a sentiment echoed by

Villa's manager, Alan Littie, who adopted a similar view to Keegan in that his striker's performance pleased him more than the goals. He said: "It's nice for Dwight and it's a reward for the effort he has been putting in. His all-round performance was good and that was

their Uefa Cup tie against the modest French side Guingamp. They appeared to take things easy in a I-1 home draw at the San Siro, prompting Moratti's

Internazionale have vet to lose

a game this season, but that has

not stopped the Italian media

criticising Roy Hodgson, their

poiots behind the leaders

Juventus and one point behind their city rivals Milan, and they

are still on course in both the

up points and results, their

overall standard of play has

been far from impressive, and

this has discounted the club's owner, Massimo Moratti.

lead into the second leg of

Last week Inter took a 3-0

Although Inter have picked

Uefa and Italian Cups.

Inter are third in Serie A, two

English coach.

do things. These gentlemen [the Inter players] ought to show more respect both for the fans and the game itself." Then, after a 1-1 away draw

with Atalanta in the league on Sunday, Moratti expressed his disappointment with the match, in which Atalanta equalised in the 86th minute. This was a game that we ought not to

have thrown away," he said. Italian newspapers have sug-gested that Moratti believes Hodgson should take a tougher line with his players. The Milanhased daily sports newspaper Gazzetta Dello Sport said: "It is up to Hodgson to sort things out... the club expects him to be a bit more of a sergeantmajor with the players."
Such comments in the Italian

press are not new. Even hefore anger.

He said: "I'm most disappointed. This is not the way to does exist and Hodgson is the

problem. Will he prove capable of leading the potentially great side created for him by Presi-

Hodgson, however, is de-

Unbeaten Hodgson under fire

fended by his assistant, the former Inter and Italy defender Giacinto Facchetti. This year we've made a lot of changes, and of all the big names we're the one with most

room for improvement, but you need time," Facchetti said. During the summer, Inter signed the Dutch midfielder Aron Winter, the Frenchmen Youri Djorkaelf and Jocelyn Angloma, the Chilean striker Ivan Zamorano and the Swiss midfielder Ciriaco Sforza. They joined a squad which already

cootained Paul Ince and the Argeotine Javier Zanetti. Before the start of the season, Hodgson acknowledged that his biggest difficulty would be to hieod so many different

talents. He said: "The job of coaching, being a good coach, is to take a bunch of individuals and make them into a team.

end of the week before making any final decision. The Great Britain coach, Phil Larder, said: That's my task." Although Hodgson is not

thought to be in any danger of imminent dismissal, a number of names have been suggested as future coaches of Inter, includ-ing Arrigo Sacchi, the coach of the national side. Daniel Passarella, the Argentina coach, and Fabio Capello, who is in charge at Real Madrid.

Bruno N'Gotty, the French international midfielder who was injured during Paris St Germain's 3-0 victory over Vaduz in the European Cup-Winners' Cup last week, will be out of action for up to a month, club doctors said yesterday. N'Gotty has a torn right calf muscle and has been forced to withdraw from the French

"We have not ruled Jonathan out yet and the first priority is to be fair to him. But it's not looking too good. It looks as if he would not be available for Great Britain's hopes of calling up SI Helens' Test centre, Paul Newlove, as a possible rethree or four weeks and that would put him out of the tour. Whether we send for a replacement would depend on the RFL [Rugby Football League] and also who is available." placement for Jon Roper on their South Seas tour have been

Newlove knee

injury ends

call-up chance

Rugby League

reports from Nadi, Frji

DAVE HADFIELD

dashed by injury.

eration yesterday.

against Wigan."

Warrington's Roper may be

forced to return home with a

knee injury sustained in the

opening tour match in Papua New Guinea last Wednesday, but Newlove, the Super

League's leading try-scorer this

summer and the most expensive

player in the world at £500.000.

underwent a knee clean-up op-

David Howes, said: "Paul is also

suffering from a hamstring in-jury and will not be fit until the

Christmas double header

Helens player to undergo

surgery in a week following the

forward Ian Pickavance, who

has had a groin operation. He

had originally been ruled out of the tour party with a hamstring injury sustained in the Pre-miership final defeat by Wigan

at Old Trafford and he also has

Roper will be given until the

an enduring foot problem.

Newlove is the second St

St Helens' chief executive.

Salford's Academy captain. Nathan McAvoy, is an obvious candidate to replace Roper who has damaged medial knee

Rugby league's big two, St Helens and Wigan, yesterday confirmed plans to stage a special winter challenge to he played over two legs on Boxing Day and New Year's Day. The double header - with the aggregate winner collecting a fivefigure cash prize and a special trophy - could generate around £200,000. The first leg will be staged at Wigan's Central Park. Oldham Bears have, as expected, signed an agreement with Oldham Athletic to play their Super League games and cup ties next season at Boundary Park after the demolition of the Watersheddings. Oldham Council is considering three options for the future - a new tadium for use by both clubs at Westwood Park; the development of Boundary Park for permanent use by both clubs; or

the building of a new rugby-only

Jury orders Tyson to pay Rooney £2.5m

A New York jury has awarded 2.56m to Kevin Rooney, the former trainer of Mike Tyson, in a contract dispute with the

world heavyweight champion. The federal court jury in Alhany, which deliberated for more than nine hours over two days before reaching the verdict, also decided that Tysoo did not have just cause to sack Rooney

Tyson, who was sued for £30.62m by Rooney, described the verdict as "ridiculous" and aid: "If Kevin would have asked me for four million dollars I

would have given it to him." In the lawsuit, Rooney accused the boxer of failing to honour a verbal contract made by Tyson's late mentor. Cus

D'Amato, promising him a lifetime joh with a guaranteed 10 per cent of the boxer's winnings. Tyson's lawyer had countered that the boxer knew nothing about such a contract. "I'm satisfied." Rooney said after the

"I never expected 49 million hut you can't take blood from a stone. They came in with what they feel is a just verdict and I'm

not going to argue with it."
"I am going to appeal against this unjust decision," said Tyson, who had testified that he had parted company with Rooney after becoming angry at the

trainer for talking publicly about his marriage to the actress Robin Givens and his cootract dispute with his former manager Bill Cayton. Prince Naseem Hamed yes-

terday broke off training for his next world title fight to receive the Board of Control's Boxer of the Year award in London. Hamed's award for his out-

standing year was presented at a board lunch by the new chair-man Leonard "Nipper" Read. The World Boxing Organisation featherweight champion

from Sheffield, who faces Argentina's Remigio Molina at Manchester's Nynex Arena on 9 November, is looking ahead to a fruitful 1997. in which the formidable Mexican Marco Antonio Barrera could be on his agenda.

. Before then, Hamed could be making an assault on the International Boxing Federation title of Tom "Boom Boom" Johnson in February.

The now-retired Frank Bruno received a special tribute for his major contribution to British boxing, while the overseas Boxer of the Year statuette went to South Africa's WBO light-flyweight champion, Baby Jake Matiala.

The British Fight of the Year was the tilanic super-feather-weight title clash between P J Gallagher and Charles Shepherd at Erith Leisure Centre in Kent on 29 June.

RACING RESULTS

Celtic rift widens

The rift between Pierre Van Hooijdonk and Celtic widened vesterday when the Dutchman hit back at the club's criticism

Tommy Burns, the Celtic manager, warned the 26-yearold striker, who has been called up by the Netherlands for their World Cup qualifying game in Wales on Saturday, to Tearn humility" after he asked for a transfer unless he received a

wage increase. Van Hooiidonk has also been accused of refusing to speak to the media and failing to take part in various club activities which he is contractually obliged to carry out, but he said vesterday: "After I opened the papers this morning, I think people are kidding hundreds of

thousands of Celtic supporters. "If you use the press all the time in the way you talk to each other, then that says enough about the situation I think. What's important is that the team is a success.

Van Hooijdonk had an inconclusive meeting with Burns last night. "It was a very short meeting, so nothing was said about the future," the player said.

Ray Wilkins, the former Queen's Park Rangers manager, has ruled himself out of succeeding Alex Miller as manager of Hibernian, hut he does want a second month's contract as a

f am not interested in the

"I've spoken to the chairman term, then so be it."

The West Indies batsman Bri-

an Lara has been honoured as

the International Cricketer of

the Year, but he nearly missed

immigration authorities there

The dumhfounded 27 year-

old Trinidadian was informed by

officials at Sahar International

airport they could not allow him

in as he had failed to secure a

visa, the usual requirement for

relent after Bombay cricket of-

ficials contacted the Ministry of

the Interior, although Lara still

had to leave his passport with

However, they were forced to

all Indian visitors.

the celebration in Bombay after

initially refused him entry.

managerial position," Wilkins said. "I would prefer to take a hreak from management at present. But I intend returning to Hibs for another month as a play-er. I spoke to Alex about it after Saturday's game and agreed verbally to stay another month.

since then and have agreed to come back. My word is my bond and I have enjoyed playing with a great set of lads at Hibs. But if a new manager comes in and doesn't feel I fit the bill as a player in the short

Danes bank on English exiles

Four leading players in the Premiership have been included in Denmark's squad to play Greece in their World Cup Group One qualifying match on

9 October. Peter Schmeichel, Manchester United's goalkeeper, and the West Ham defender Marc Rieper are joined by Jacob Laursen, who signed for Derby during the summer, and Allan Neilsen, who recently moved to Tottenham.

Claus Thomsen of Joswich and the Rangers striker Brian Laudrup are also included in the 18-man squad for the match in Copenhagen.

Youri Mulder, the Schalke striker, has an ankle injury and has pulled out of the Dutch squad for the Group Seven

immigration during his stay.

Lara picked up over £9,000 for

the honour, awarded for the

tain, Clive Lloyd, said: "He is

pure gold. As he matures I am

sure he will lead the West Indies

into the 21st century and to the

The flamboyant opener

Sanath Javasuriva was Sri Lan-

ka's here with a 30-ball 45 as they

overhauled South Africa's total

of 169 with 9.2 overs and two

wickets to spare to win their one-

day match in the Kenvan cen-

tenary four-nation tournament

in Nairobi yesterday. It was Sri

Lanka's 13th victory in a row in

top of world cricket ladder."

The former West Indies cap-

1995-96 season.

Fall before pride for Lara

match against Wales on Saturday. Guus Hiddink, the Dutch coach, will also be without the injured strikers Patrick Kluivert and Renc Eykelkamp, hut he has not named a replacement for Mulder.

Hristo Stoichkov, who did not turn up for Bulgaria's Group Five match against Israel last month, was yesterday left out of the squad for the game against Luxembourg next week.

Hristo Bonev, the Bulgaria coach, made no reference to Stoichkov when he announced the squad. Stoichkov has not because he has a leg injury.

played for Barcelona recently Bonev has dropped the de-fenders Gosho Ginchev and Vladimir Ivanov and included two uncapped players, the de-

fender Georgi Antonov the and striker Georgi Markov, both from Lokomony Sofia. Bulgaria lost 2-1 in Israel and will be desperate for a convincing victory against Luxem-

bourg next Tuesday. Dusan Uhrin, the Czech coach, has recalled the veteran Miroslav Kadlec to bolster his defence for the Group Six match against Spain. Kadlec, 32, who plays for the

German club Kaiserslautern. has been plagued by an Achilles tendon injury recently, and missed the Czechs' 6-0 defeat of Malta in September.

Uhrin said that after watching Kadlec play in a league match at the weekend he had little doubt that the defender would be ready for the match.

"I watched him play in the Cup-Winners Cup and then last Sunday against Leipzig and he played well," Uhrin said. Uhrin discounted speculation that he would drop his firstchoice goalkeeper Petr Kouba, who has seen little action since

he was transferred to Deportivo La Coruña from Sparta Prague at the beginning of the season. He rejected the suggestion that he might play Newcastle's Pavel Srnicek, saying Kouba was well suited to facing Spain, "espe-cially since we will be playing at Sparta stadium".

Uhrin also said he expected the English-based midfielders

Patrik Berger and Karel Poborsky, dubbed "the dynamic duo" by the Czech press, to ioin almost every attack.

SPORTING DIGEST

American football

Eagles the lead. "I was really proud of the effort that our team displayed tonight," Barry Switzer, the Dallas head coach, said. "It seemed like the guys were ready to play and they had great in-

only ones counting Their casualties. Erik Kramer, the Chicago Bears quarterback, will be out of action for six weeks with a herniated disc in his neck. And Tim Biakabutuka, the Carolina Panthers' rookie running back, will miss the rest of the season with a torn cruciate ligament in his left knee.

Boxing

Rosendo Alvarez, of Nicaragus, knocked out his Japanese challengar Takeshi Sh-iohama in the eighth round of their scheduled 12-round bout to retain his World Boiling Association strawweight title in Kitakyushu yesterday, Alvarez, who won the title in Decamber, 1995, extends his record to 22 wins.

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Football

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Steve Parkin vesterday was appointed manager of Third Division Mansfield Town, making him the Nationwide League's youngest in that postion. The 30-year-old former Stoke and West Bromwich midfielder had been caretaker manager at Mansfield since Andy King's departure at the end of August. Geparture at the end of August.

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French centre facing long suspension

Rughy Union

Richard Dourthé, the French centre facing allegations of foul play during last week's win over Wales, is set to go into international exile until he becomes more disciplined. to Maso. France's manager.

is angry with Dourthe for yet again stepping out of line and is ready to leave him out for as long as is necessary.
"We did not take any sanctions and the Welsh union did not ask us to. We shall solve the problem internally," Maso said.

We shall be extremely firm with

a boy like Richard Dourthe.

who has to make amends. The

Springhoks are coming and the team spirit must be radically different. If it's not, we will make other decisions. Last season Dourthe was suspended for 30 days for kicking the England No 8, Ben Clarke, during the Five Nations'

Championship match in Paris. The South Africans tour France in late November and early December. Gareth Llcwellyn will become the first Welsh forward to win 50 caps on Saturday when he faces Italy in

Rome's Olympic Stadium.

The 6ft 2in second rower

reaches this milestone and joins

the ranks of Welsh legends

such as leuan Evans, JPR

Williams and Gareth Edwards.

The Nationwide League's First Division clubs were last night divided over a proposal to ex-tend the rule which permits clubs to postpone fixtures when they have three or more players un senior international duty to include Under-21 internationals.

At the moment, clubs can only call off matches when they have three ur more players in a senior international squad. But the Football League has asked First Division clubs to say whether or not they would prefer Under-21 squads to fall

into the same category.

If a majority uf clubs are in

First Division fixture fix

the League, said: "It looks as though opiniums are pretty evenly divided. their matches despite having players on international duty be cause they don't want to get into a situation where they are playing two matches in midweck at the end of the season.

favour of the change it will be introduced, but League officials, who were been receiving replies from clubs throughout yesterday. said the outcome will be close. Chris Hull, a spokesman for

"Some clubs want to play

"Other clubs feel their in-

ternational players are an inte-

gral part of their side and that they can't play without them."

Teague keeps Cowboys on right track

Lifted from their lethargy by Herschel Walker's kick-off return, the visiting Dallas Cowboys defeated the Philadelphia Eagles 23-19 on Monday to start to get their season back on track

The Eagles lost their quarterback Rodney Pecte, probably for the season, after he tore a tendon in his right knee after catching his stude in the turf.
The Dallos defense was the difference between the two teams. They intercepted two passes, recovered three fumbles and made six sacks. The highlight was George Teague's interception near his own goal-line in the final two minutes to slop a drive that could have given the

tensity and great emotion." The Eagles were not the

American football NFL: Dalas 23 Philadelpha 19.

Ravanelli talks of move to Old Trafford

Football

CATHERINE RILEY

With the season not yet two months old, Fabrizio Ravanelli's future at Middlesbrough was thrown in doubt yesterday when reports from Italy indicated that he was seeking a move from the Premiership club.

Ravanelli, who is in Italy with the national squad for their World Cup qualifier against Moldova on Saturday, was quoted as saying Manchester United were interested in him.

The idea is exciting because Manchester United are more representative and prestigious. they have greater ambitions, while Middlesbrough have a long-term programme." he said. "Let's wait and see what hap-pens on my return to England. After you've won a lot, as I have, it's not easy to fight for a place in the Ueta Cuo.

While a move to Old Trafford might seem unlikely, it is thought Ravanelli is unsettled

lieved to be keen on signing him during the Italian league's transfer window next month.

Bolton Wanderers are trying to sign the former Manchester United player Mark Hughes in a £1.5m deal from Chelsea. Colin Todd, the Bolton manager, wants to sign Hughes before the two sides meet in the Coca-Cola Cup later this month. Paul McGrath is reconciled

to leaving Aston Villa after his transfer now with Brian Little. the Villa manager, McGrath has handed in a written transfer request after seven years at Villa and will roday meet Little and the club chairman, Doug Ellis, who has placed a £200,000 price tag on the player.

I wanted to leave Villa with my head held high, but the way things have been, that doesn't seem possible now." McGrath said, "I don't think it is possible to patch things up now.

The saga involving Mark Guterman, the Chester City chairman, and Manchester City at Middlesbrough and he may took a new twist yesterday when return to Italy's Serie 4 with a the 36-year-old property

Only the best for Wenger

Arsene Wenger arrived for his individual basis, but nobody first official day's work at Arsenal yesterday and pledged: Only the best will be good enough for me.

The Gunners' new French manager, who is on a three-year contract worth around £2m, knows that no foreign ceach has ever won the title in England or led a Premiership team to last-

He said yesterday: "This is my challenge and, quite simply, my ambition is to win every match and every competition we play in. The League championship is the mark of real quatity for me, the first ambition. Everything follows from that.

"I will aim to try to improve first team down to the youth system. It will be no sudden revolution, but there will be a gradual transition."

Wenger, whose first match in charge is at Blackburn on 12 October, said he considers the England goalkeeper, David Seaman, 32, skipper Tony Adams, 30, and striker fan Wright, 33 in November, as the backbone of

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need fear coming to see me. I will not be cutting anybody, but I would like to buy new players as well because the squad is a bit small.

"I look at Ian Wright and he is not like a normal 33. He is extremely fit and strong. It is the same with Tony Adams who I know is a great leader. And for Scaman, as a goulkeeper, his age is unimportant."

The players have to adapt to me and I must adapt to them," he said, "We must be tolerant of one another. They will all have their chance because what has gone on before is not my responsibility. I am very strong on discipline, but that starts on the pitch, I do not want to lose the many strengths

Arsenal aiready have. They know and have had to accept that any little thing they do is often seen as a big thing because Arsenal is a very exposed club in the media. Many other players would not be able to cope with that. I will work to my maximum and I am confident I can bring out the best from everybody who works with me. In the end I will only be satisfied if I get the best."

move to Parma, who are be-tycoon called off a news conference last night at which he was expected to announce details of a proposed offer.

His explanation suggested that he had lost interest in helping out City, saving: "I have had an amicable meeting with Francis Lee. the Manchester City chairman. t remain chairman of Chester City FC and will devote all of my efforts towards ensuring the future and development of the Deva Stadium Foothall Club."

A different light was shed on the matter when Bill Wingrove. Chester's club spokesman, later said that the news conference had only been postponed. He also said the idea of Chester acting as a "feeder club" for City was still under consideration.

Meanwhile, the Carlisle chairman, Michael Knighton. has revealed that he rejected an approach to take over City. Knighton, who made an auda-cious bid to gain control of City's neighbours Manchester United in 1989, says he was targeted by an unnamed consortium to be chief executive five weeks ago.

'I didn't really give it a second thought," he said, "I wasn't asked for any real financial investment as they just wanted me to run it. I suppose I have to say I was rather Battered to be approached and I sincerely hope City can sort themselves out."

Martin Scott, the Sunderland defender sent off in last Saturday's defeat at Arsenal, has had a second operation in three months. The 28-year-old Scott had a bernia operation before the season began and had further surgery on Monday on a troublesome groin injury.

Meanwhile, his manager, Peter Reid, has accepted that he will be asked by the Football Association to explain his reactions to Scott's dismissal which resulted in referee Paul Danson ordering him from the dug-out.

"I expect I will be receiving some mail from the FA fairly soon," he said, "Everything have to say on the situation . said on Saturday and I stand by that. I was unprofessional and I have apologised.

Terry Fenwick, first-team coach Keith Waldon, and director Terry Brady, have been charged with misconduct by the Football Association after alleged remarks made to referee Martin Bodenham after last week's Coca-Cola Cup delear by Wimhledon.

Éngland's World Cup qualilying match against Poland at Wembley on 9 October has been made all-ticket following the sale of 50,000 seats. No tickets will be available on the night.



Greg Rusedski, of Britain, plays a slice backhand during his outstanding 6-3, 6-1 victory over Todd Woodbridge in the first round of the Heineken Open in Singapore yesterday

Report, page 24; Photograph, Gary M Pnor/Alisport Report, page 24; Photograph, Gary M Prior/Alisport

Spitting spat puts play-offs in a spin

Baseball

A threat by umpires to boycott the play-offs after a player spat at an official was vesterday called off at the last minute. They were angered by the handling of an incident involving the Baltimore Orioles' sec-

ond baseman, Roberto Alomar,

and an umpire, John Hirschbeck, on Friday. Following an argument over a decision, Alomar spat on and bumped Hirschbeck and inter suggested that the umpire's impartiality had been compromised by his hitterness over the death of his eight-yearold son. An chraged Hirschbeck had to be re-strained from storming into

the Orioles' dressing-room. The union chief, Richie Phillips, said that umpires would boycott games if a five-game suspension of Alomar did not begin immediately.

However, the union president, Jerry Crawford, said that umpires would honour a court order to return to work if, as expected, the League manage-ment obtained a ruling yesterday morning.

Alonar has apologised for his

behaviour and, because he had appealed against the suspension, was being allowed to play until the 1997 regular season. "Our executive board voted

unanimously to withhold services until the Alomar suspen-sion goes into effect," Phillips said. "All the umpires in the American League and National League were polled." The major leagues, who

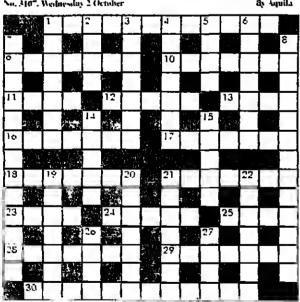
locked out the umpires last vear, were determined to stage all the post-season fixtures. "We will have these games." Rich Levin, the public relations director for Major League Baseball, said. "We expect them to honour their contract."

The first play-off was scheduled yesterday in Baltimore, between the Orioles and the Cleveland Indians.

Alomar's apology came in a two-page statement issued by the Orioles: "I deeply regret my disrespectful conduct towards a man that I know always gives his utmost as an umpire. Certainly, he has worked at least as hard as I have to make it to the majors. Notwithstanding what ocred. I have great respect him and his profession," Alemar said.

Hirschbeck was relieved of his impiring duties at the weekend. After appealing against his suspension, Alomar hit a home run n the 10th inning on Saturday, giving the Orioles the win they needed to wrap up the Ameri-can League wild-card place.

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Wasps upset by Neath

Rugby Union DAVID LLEWELLYN

Professionalism would appear to have spawned little but strife in rugby union's brave new world. Yet another row has broken out; this time the much troubled Anglo-Welsh competition is the foeus. Wasps having been stirred up by Neath's late withdrawal from tonight's fixture have announced they are to seek up to

£15,000 in compensation from the Welsh champions. The north London club are ingry they were allowed to commit themselves to costly arrangements to stage the match at their club headquarters at Sudbury. A Wasps spokesman, John Gasson, said: "We will be asking for compensation. We had committed ourselves to substantial

expense Neath have cited their inability to raise a front row for the game. According to them. the prop John Davies and the hooker Barry Williams are on international duty with Wales in hooker Marcus Thomas is not yet 100 per cent fit after a knee injury and Leighton Gerard

another front row specialist, has a leg injury. The prop Mark Harris is the only player with first team experience who is fit. The Anglo-Welsh tournament is rapidly losing credibility. Bridgend have also postponed tonight's match at Leicester and other Welsh clubs have cried off in earlier rounds of matches. The competition has no sponsor, no television coverage or concomitant broad-

casting revenue, and no status. The competition came under discussion last night during a meeting between representa-tives of English Professional Rugby Union Clubs and their Welsh counterparts in Cardiff, a get-logether which had been alled to consider other matters. The Epruc chief executive, Kim Deshayes, said: "We have to flush out why we have problems and then address those problems to get the show back on the road because it's a compe-

Wales, meanwhile, look set for another row with an Anglo-Welsh flavour. They are seri-onsly considering staging the Five Nations match against England on 15 March at Wembley because of rebuilding work at Cardiff Arms Park which will reduce the capacity to around 30,000 from 52,700.

They risk incurring the dis-pleasure of their fans. Talks have been held between the Welsh Rugby Union and Wembley's owners and if it goes ahead it will present Wales supporters with a 300-mile round trip.

The Wales lock Gareth Llewellyn, who plays for Harlequins, said last night: "There is really nowhere else in Wales you could stage the match and if the Arms Park is not available then the only other places to hold it would be Birmingham or London. It's a shame for the supporters and of course the ntmosphere will not be the same as the one in Cardiff. But we just



Spanish linesman turns TV star

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Following the recent success in Spain of a comedy film with the unlikely title of Matias the Linesman tor Matias the Assistant Referee depending on which translation you use), a real-life Matias has emerged, much to the amusement of Spanish fans everywhere - with the exception

of those of Zaragoza. In the film a linesman who recommends a penalty award against the Spanish national side has to take refuge from angry fans in a remote village. Now Rafael Guerrero has received

telephone threats and the school where he is a caretaker has been daubed with grafitti after he told referee Enrique Mejuto of an alleged infringement in Zaragoza's game with Barcelona at the weekend. On his advice, Mejuto sent off

Zaragoza's Xavier Aguado and awarded the penalty from which Barcelona equalised, before going on to win 5-3 after trailing 3-1. But television replays suggest Guerrero was mistaken about the player involved, and possibly the nature of the incident. Viewers have been treated to unexpurgated versions - complete with heavy obscenities - of

to asks the linesman what he is signalling for and Guerrero replies: "Penalty and sendingoff." Mejuto, not best pleased at the inevitable controversy that will ensue, then falls victim to his taste for colourful obscenities. A television microphone cap-

tured the conversation in detail and on Monday supporters at Atletico Madrid's game with Hercules were already chanting the best-known and most obscene phrases of the exchange. Unfortunately they are too blue to print in a family newspaper. but Matias the Linesman should soon be on general release.

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